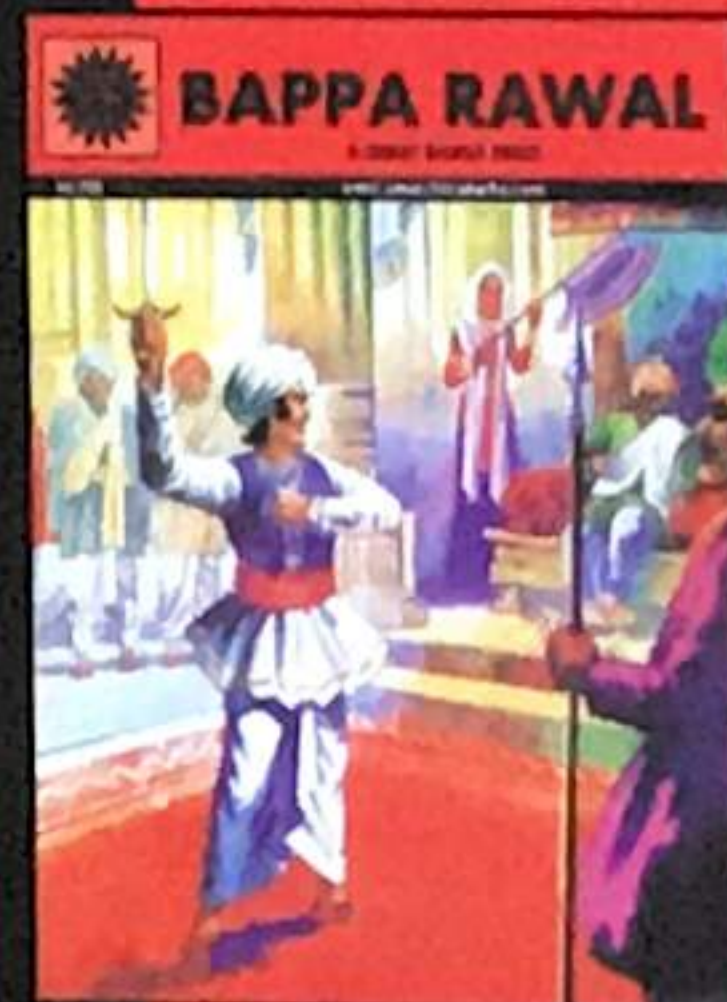
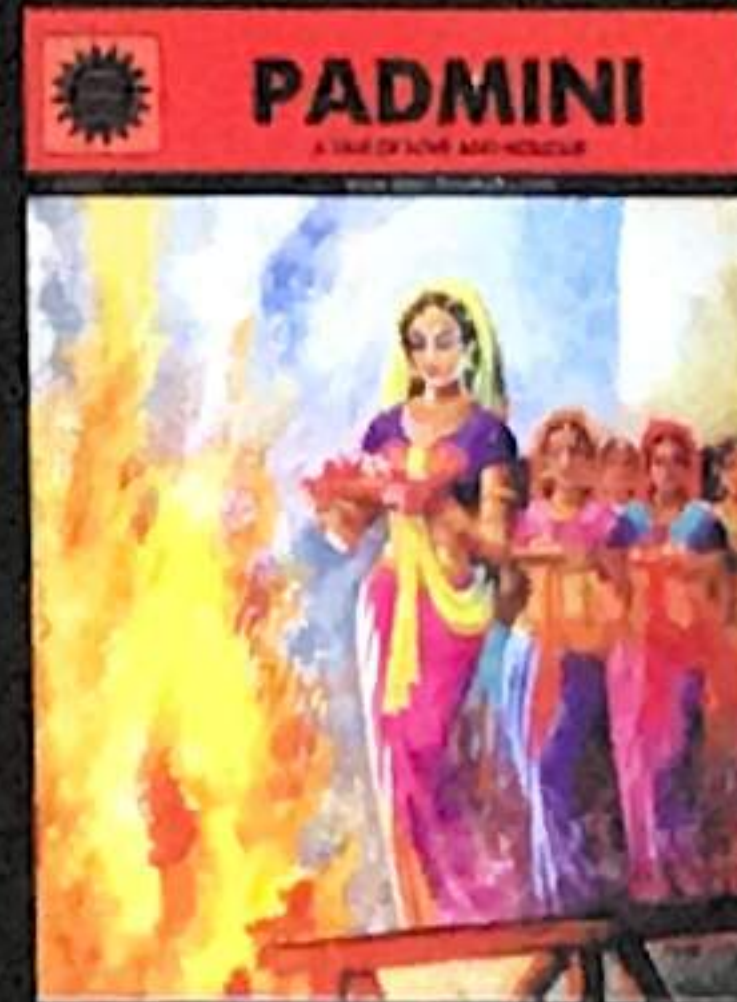
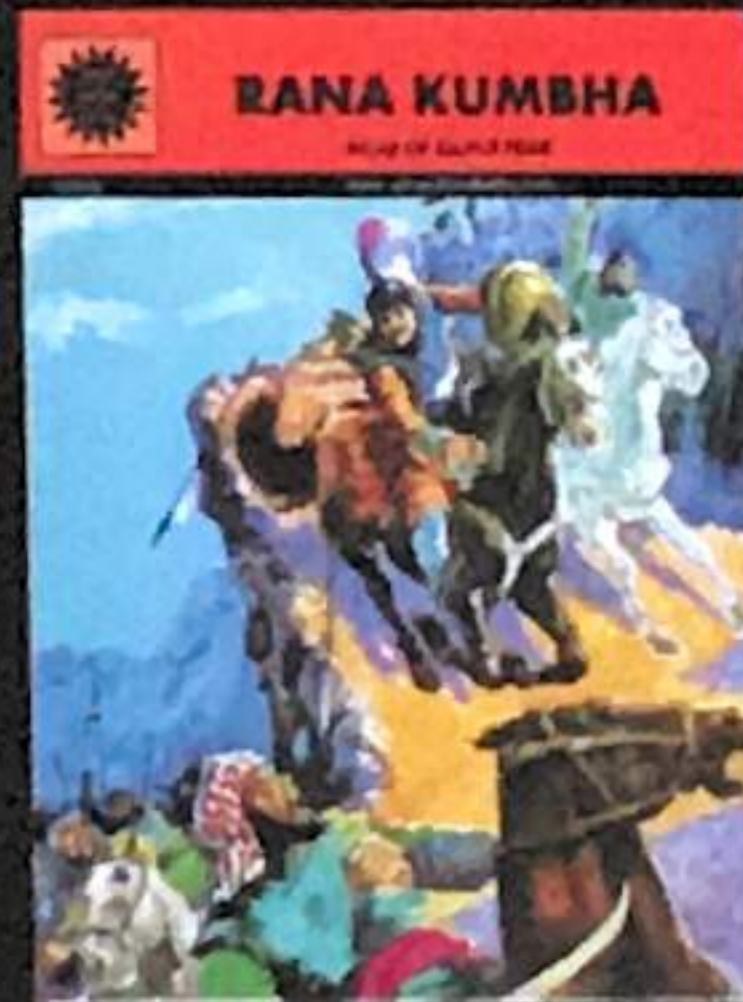


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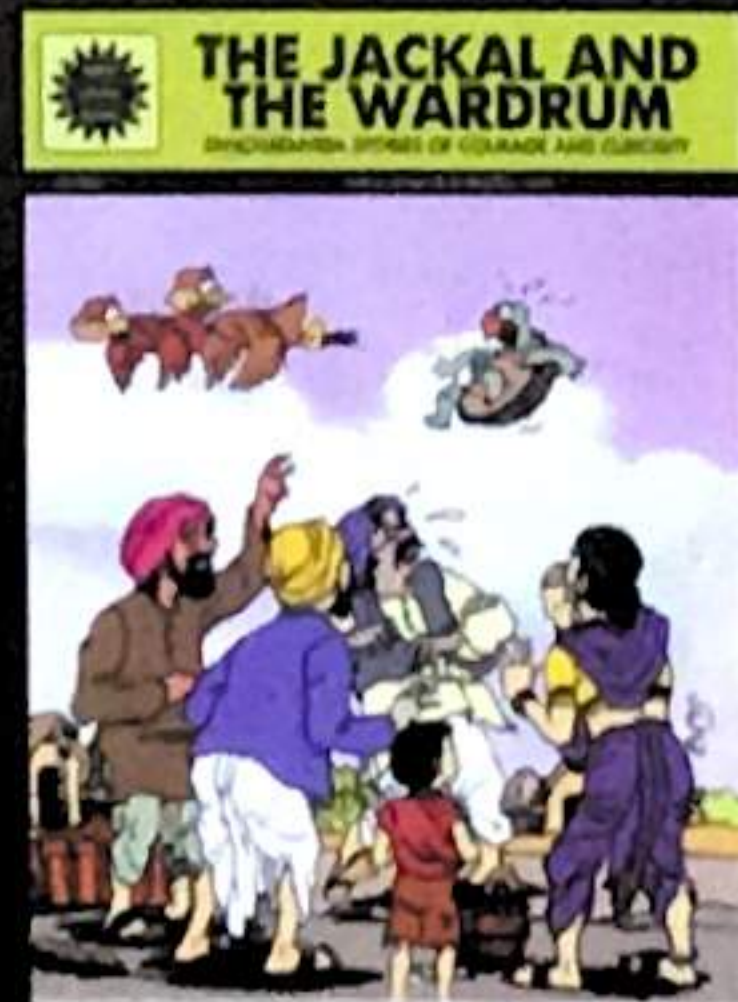
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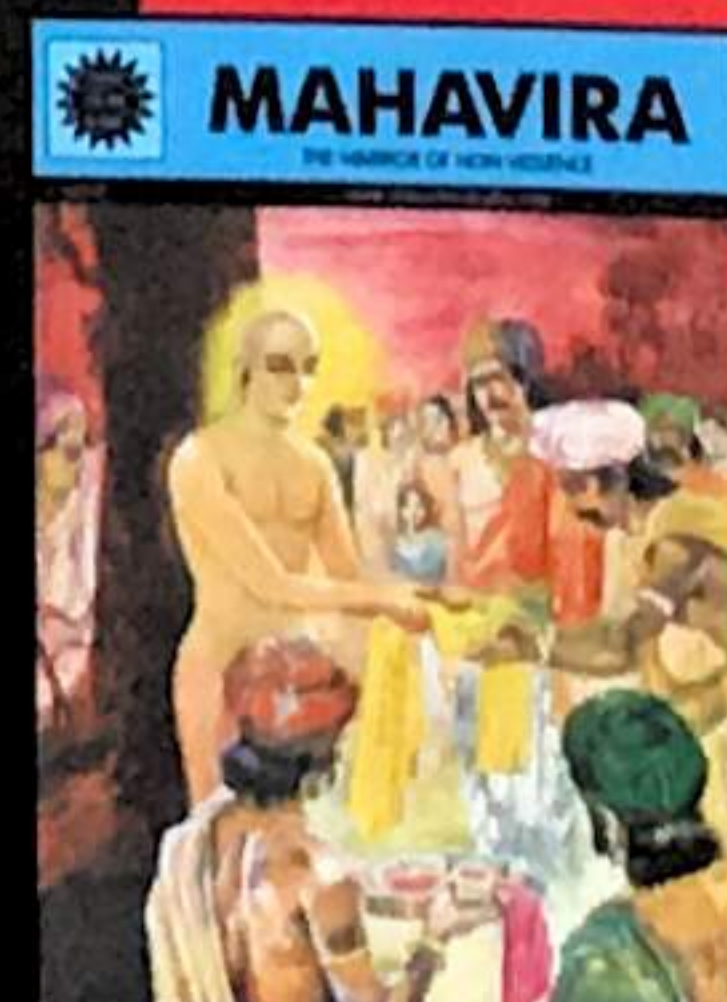
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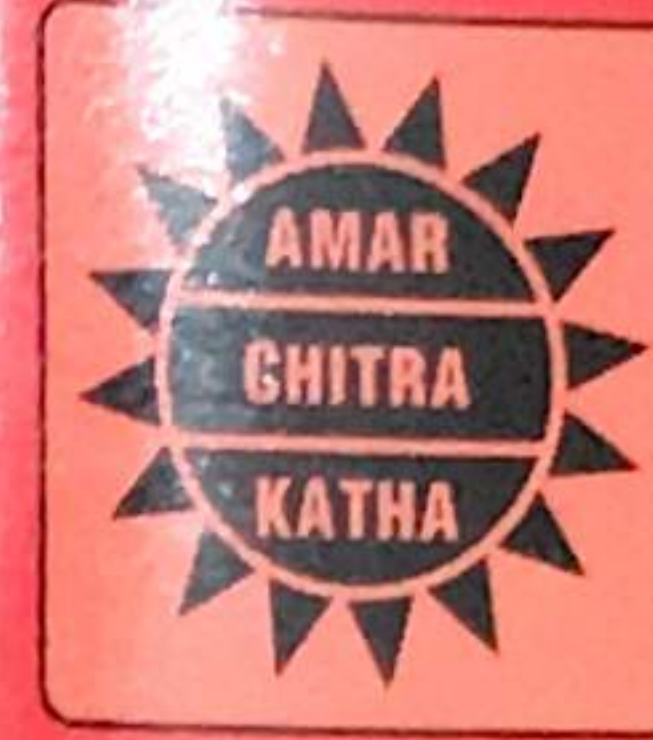


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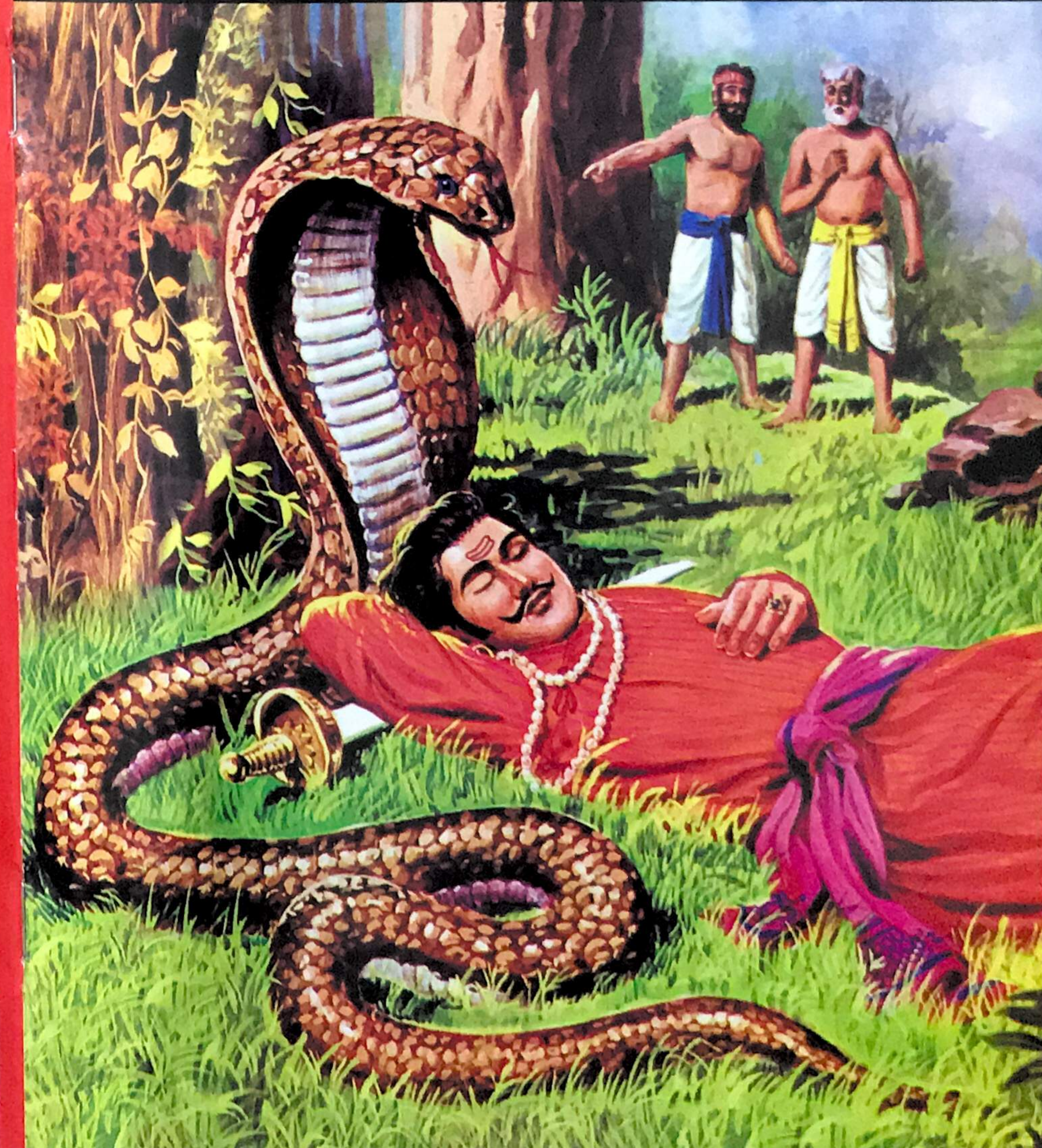
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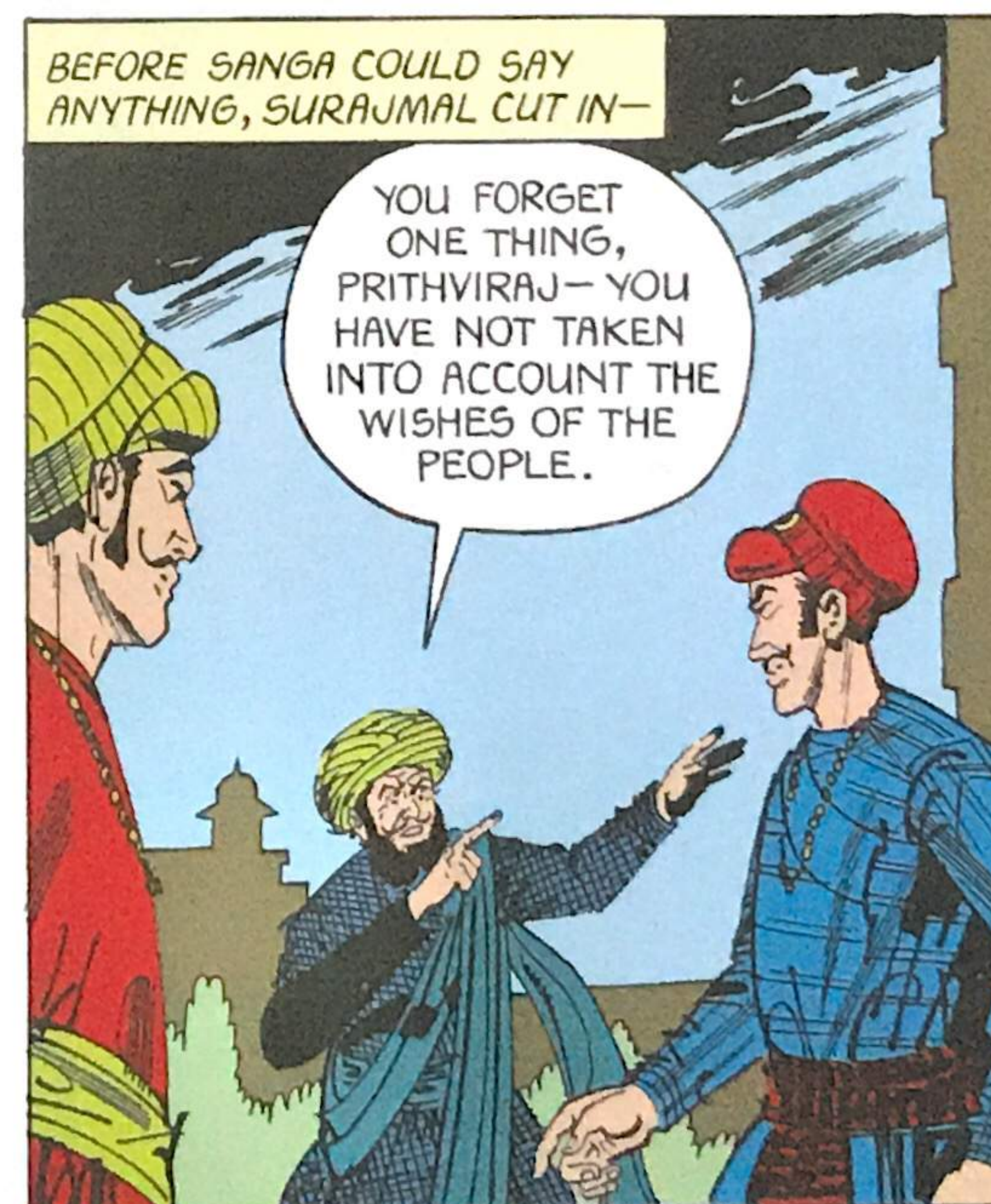
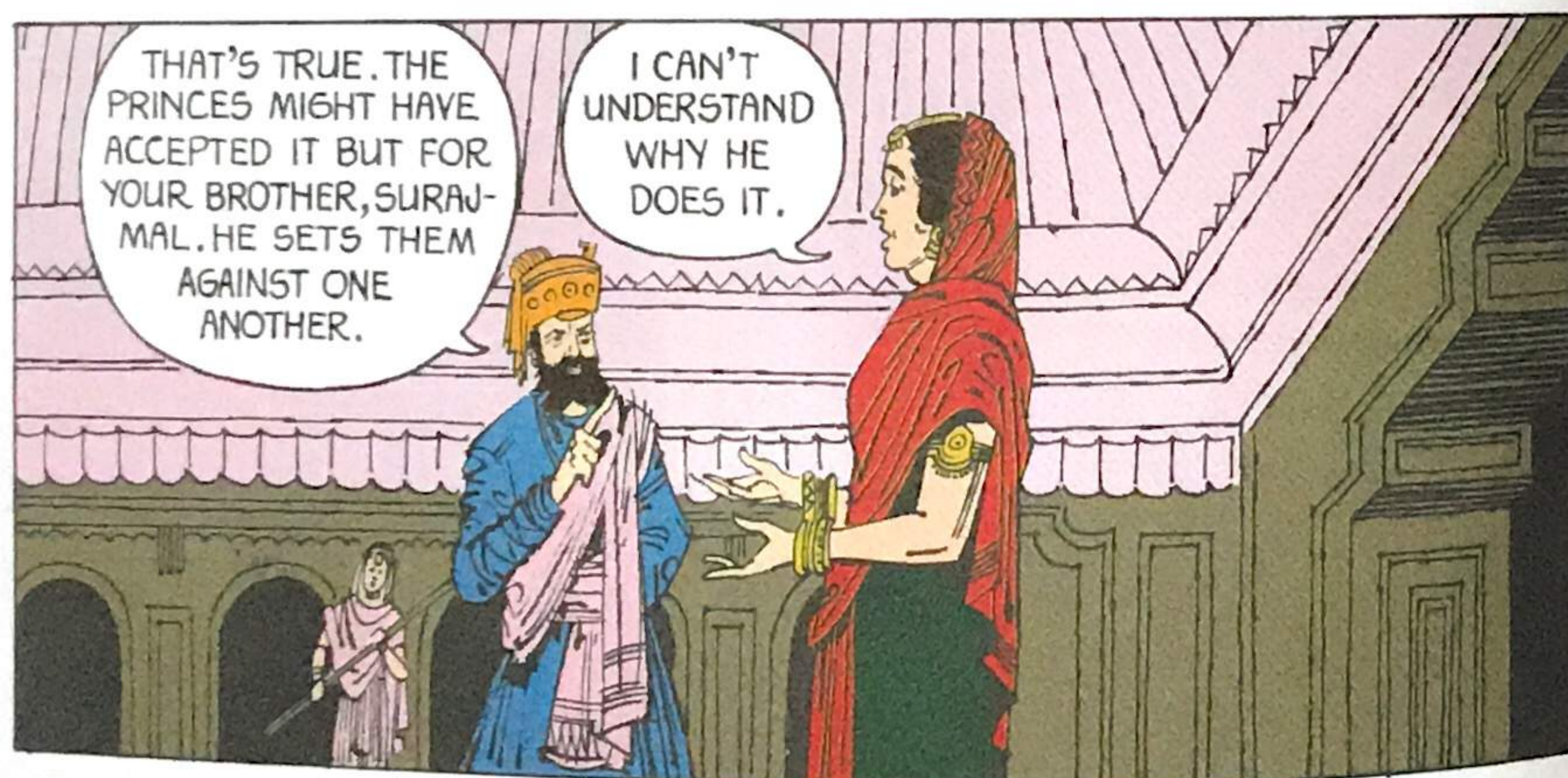
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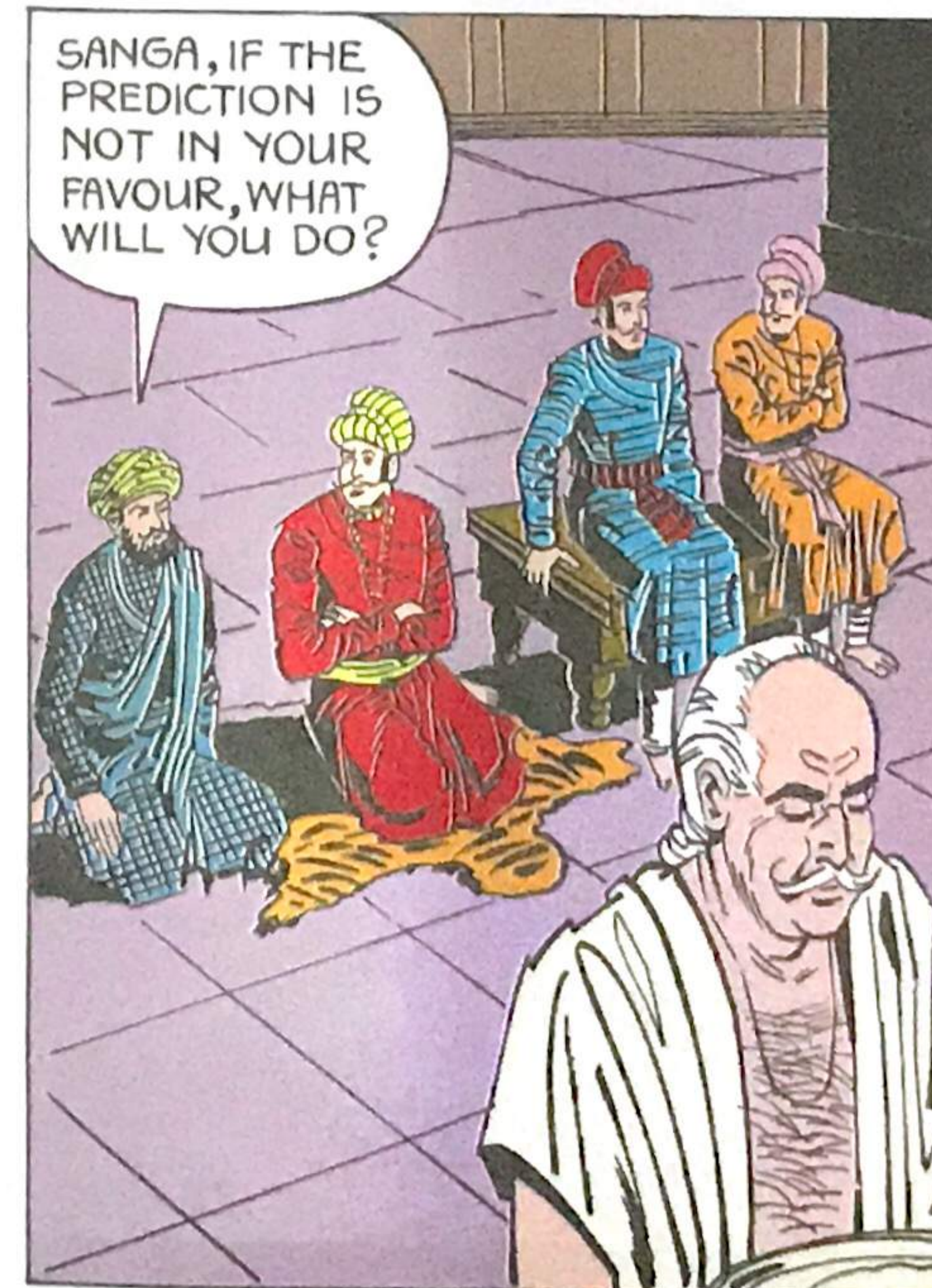
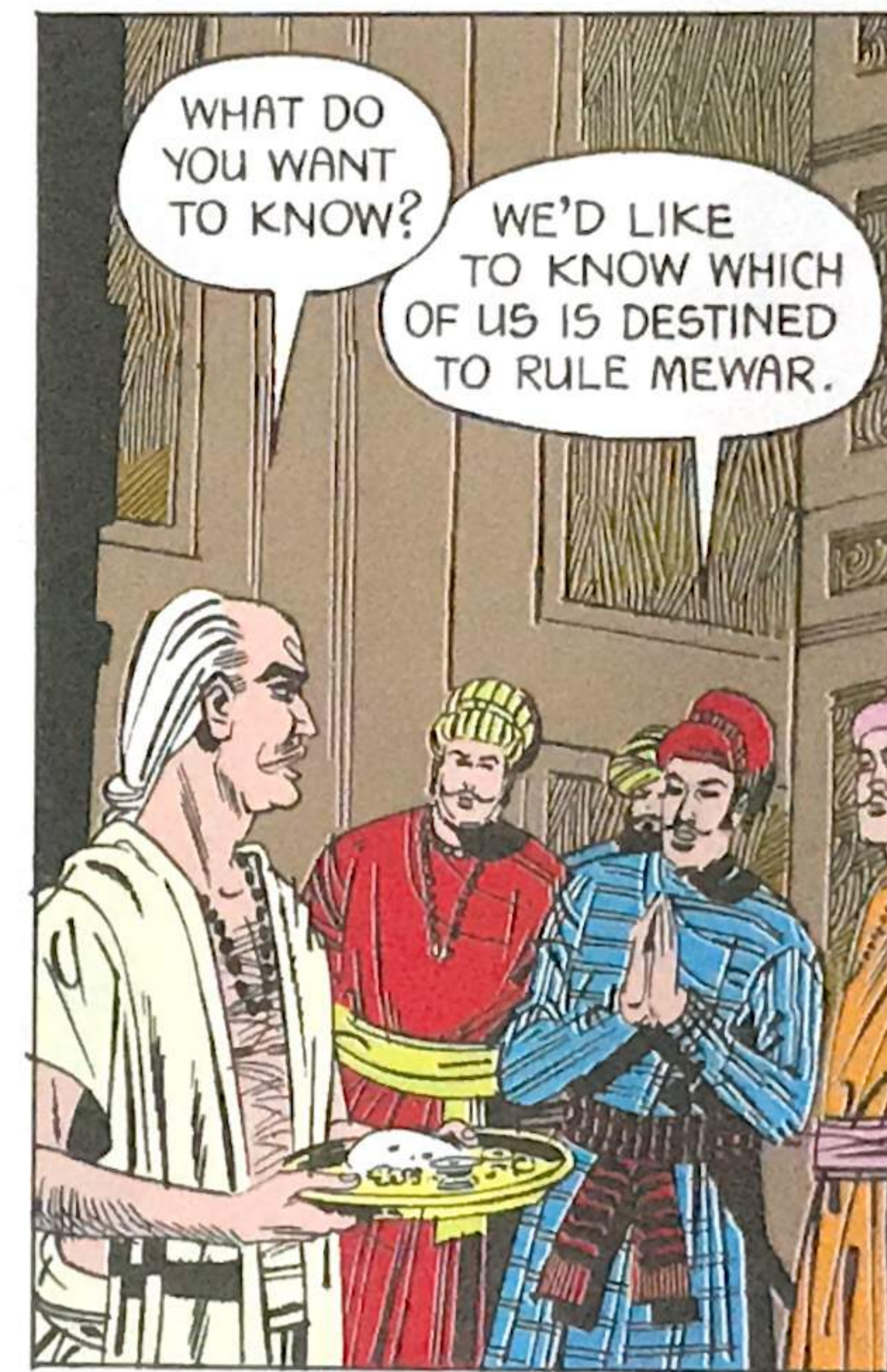
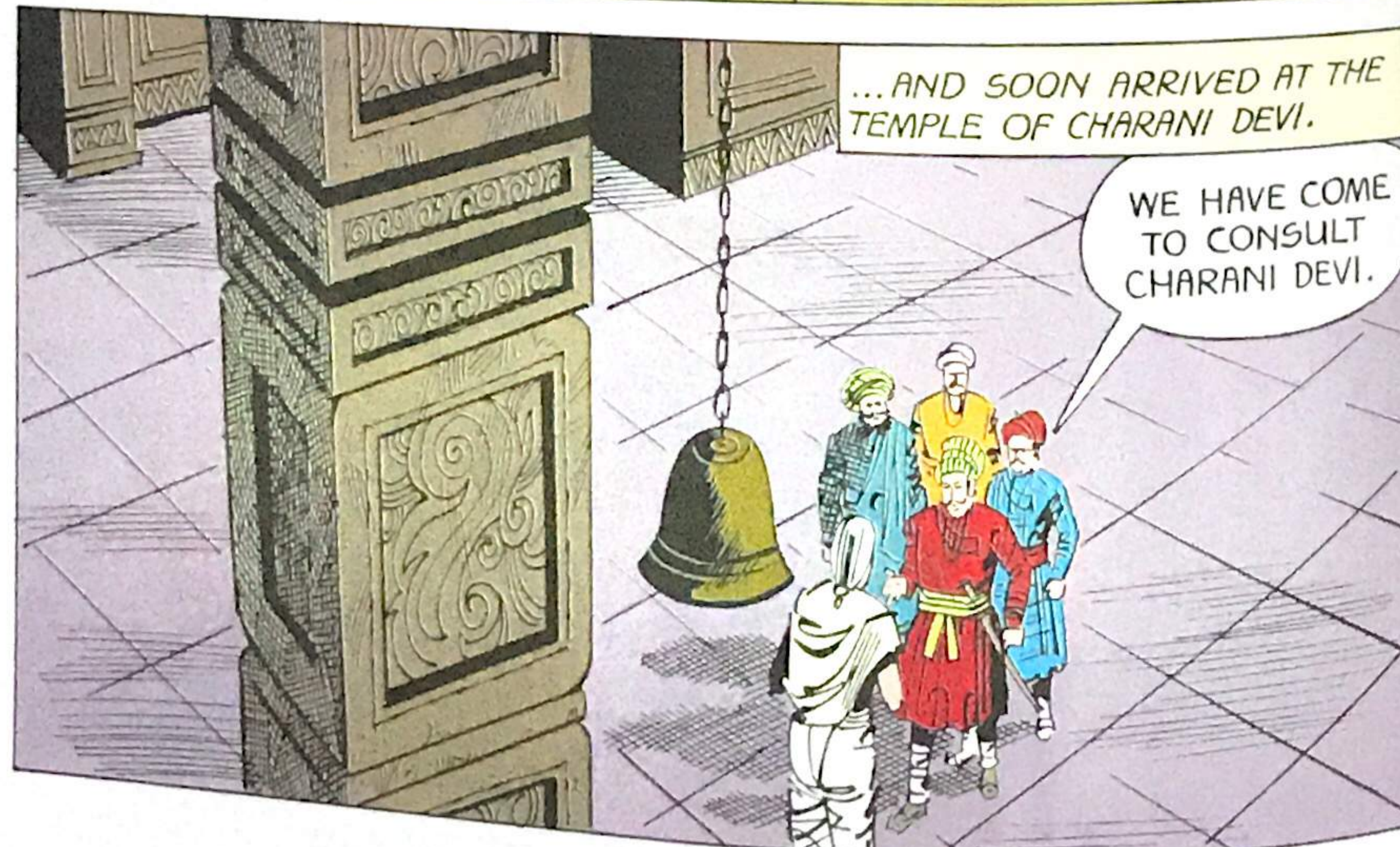
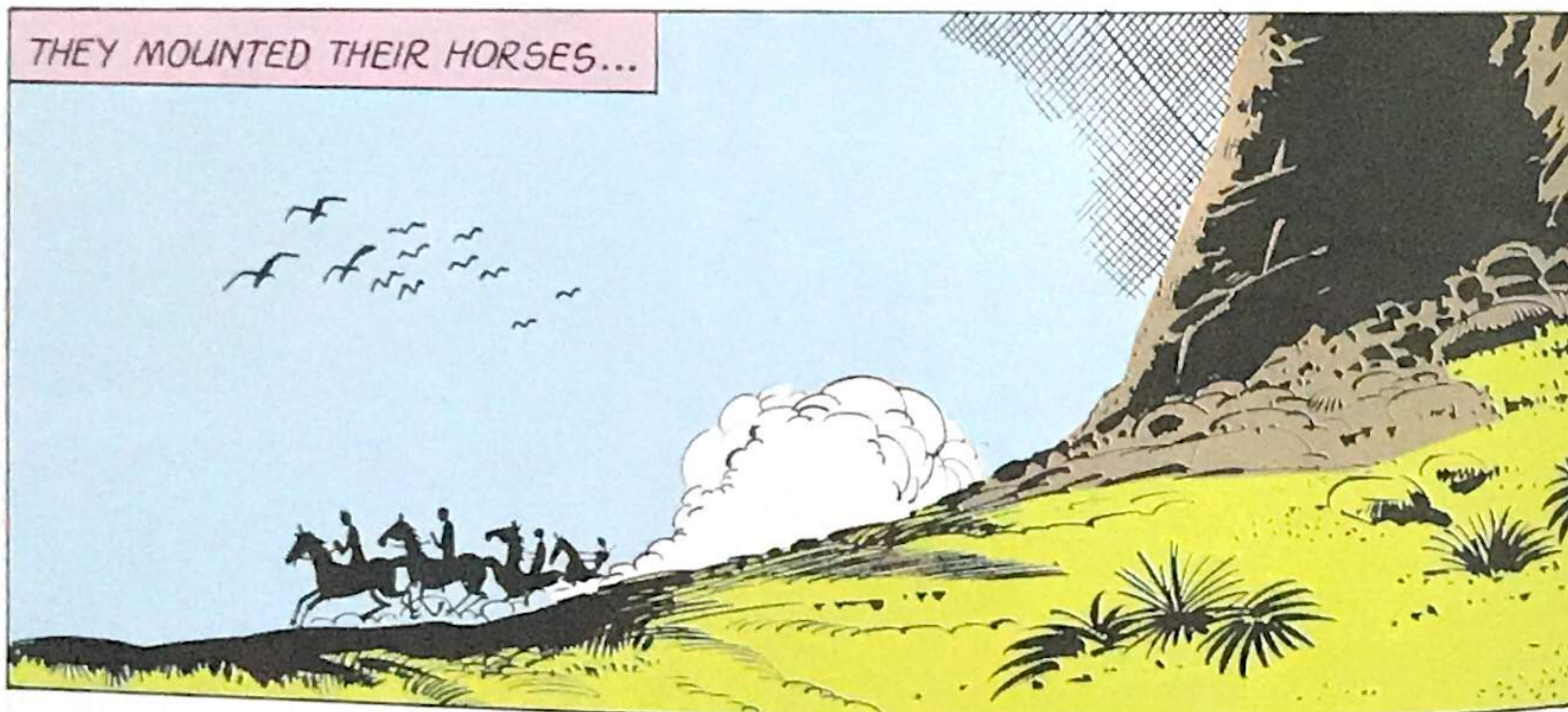
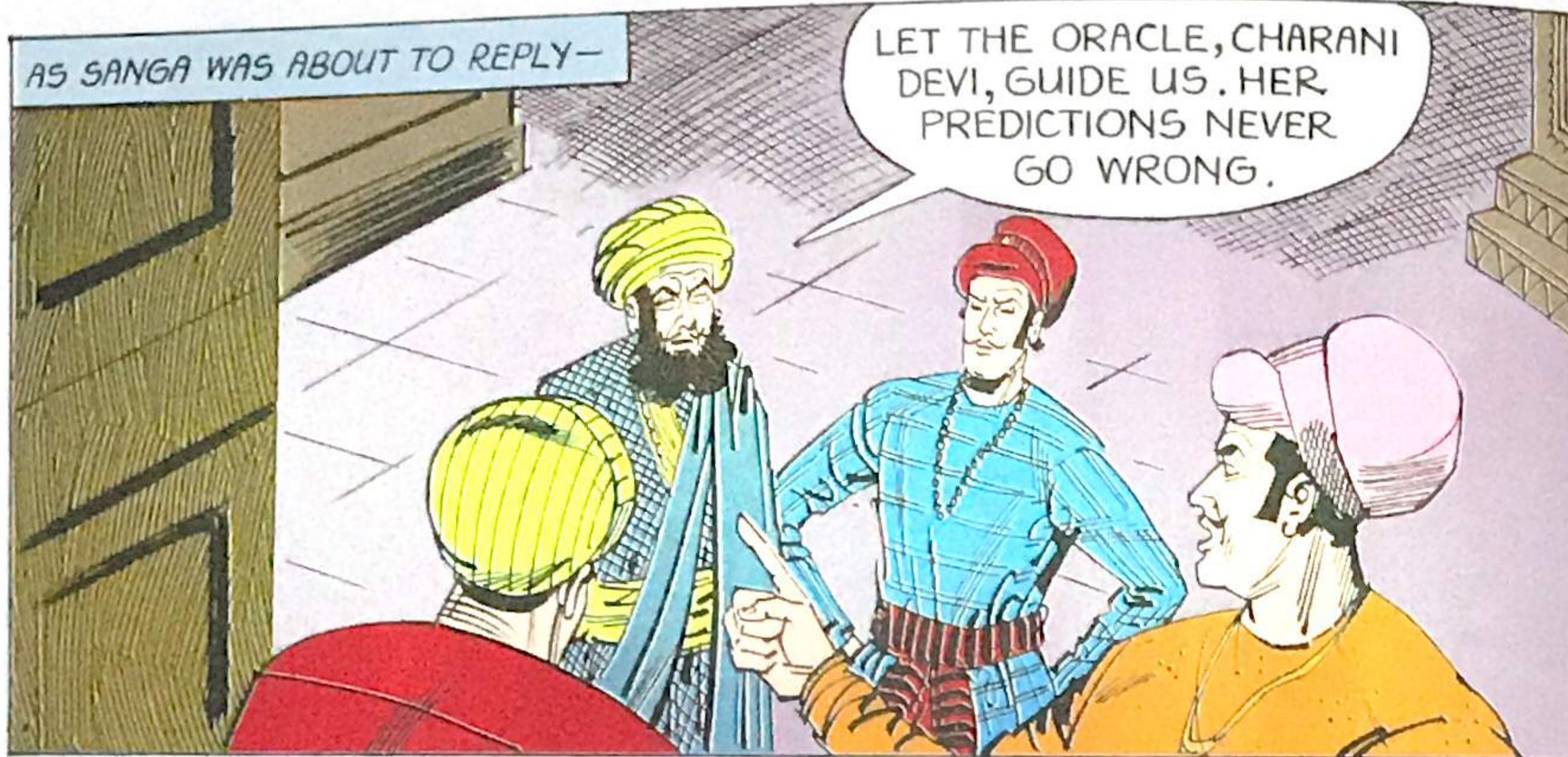
RANA RAIMAL, WHO RULED MEWAR IN THE EARLY HALF OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, WAS A VALIANT KING WHO UPHELD THE GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF HIS LAND. HIS THREE SONS, SANGA, PRITHVIRAJ AND JAIMAL, HOWEVER, WERE FOR EVER INVOLVED IN PETTY QUARRELS WITH ONE ANOTHER.



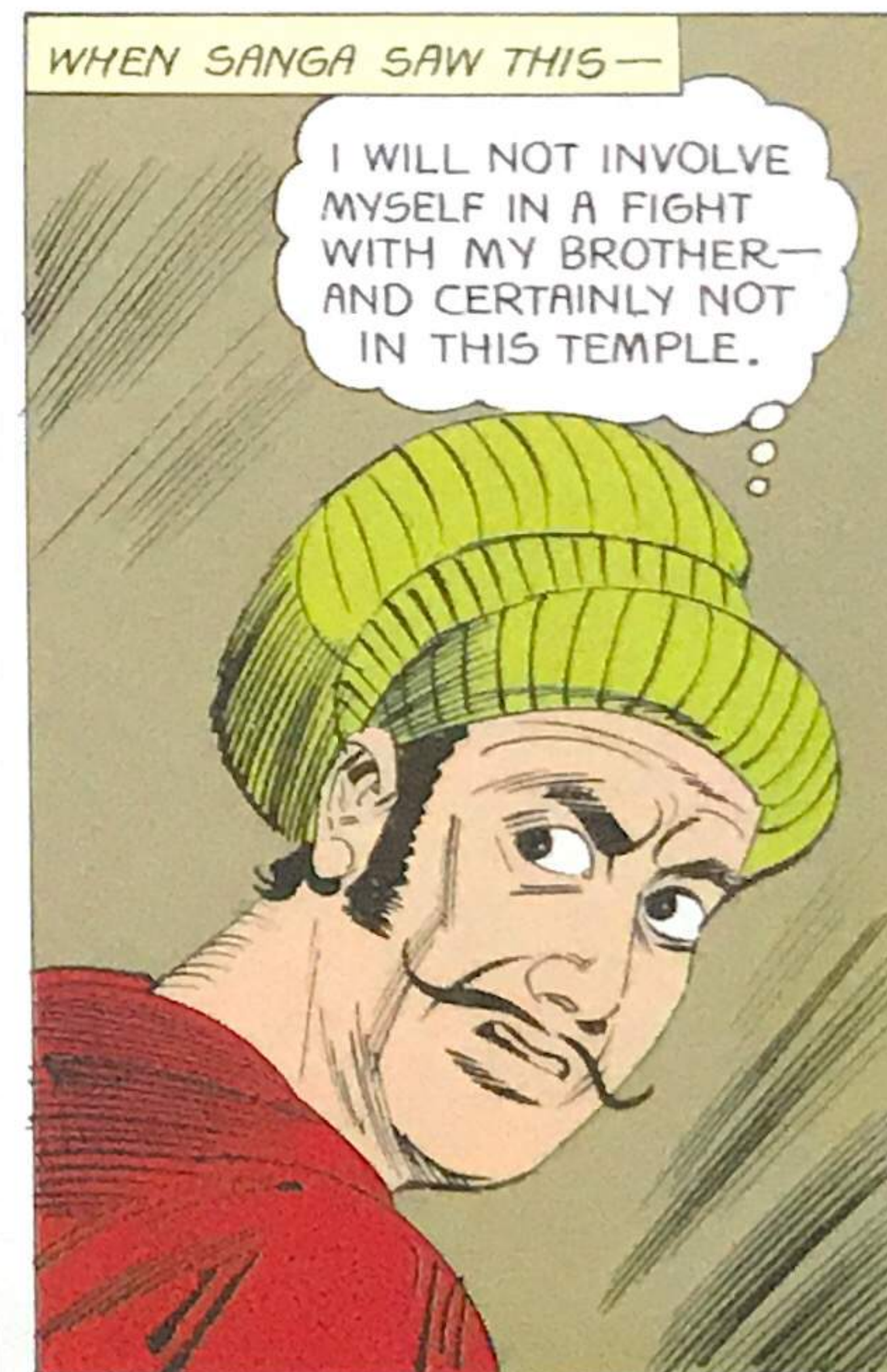
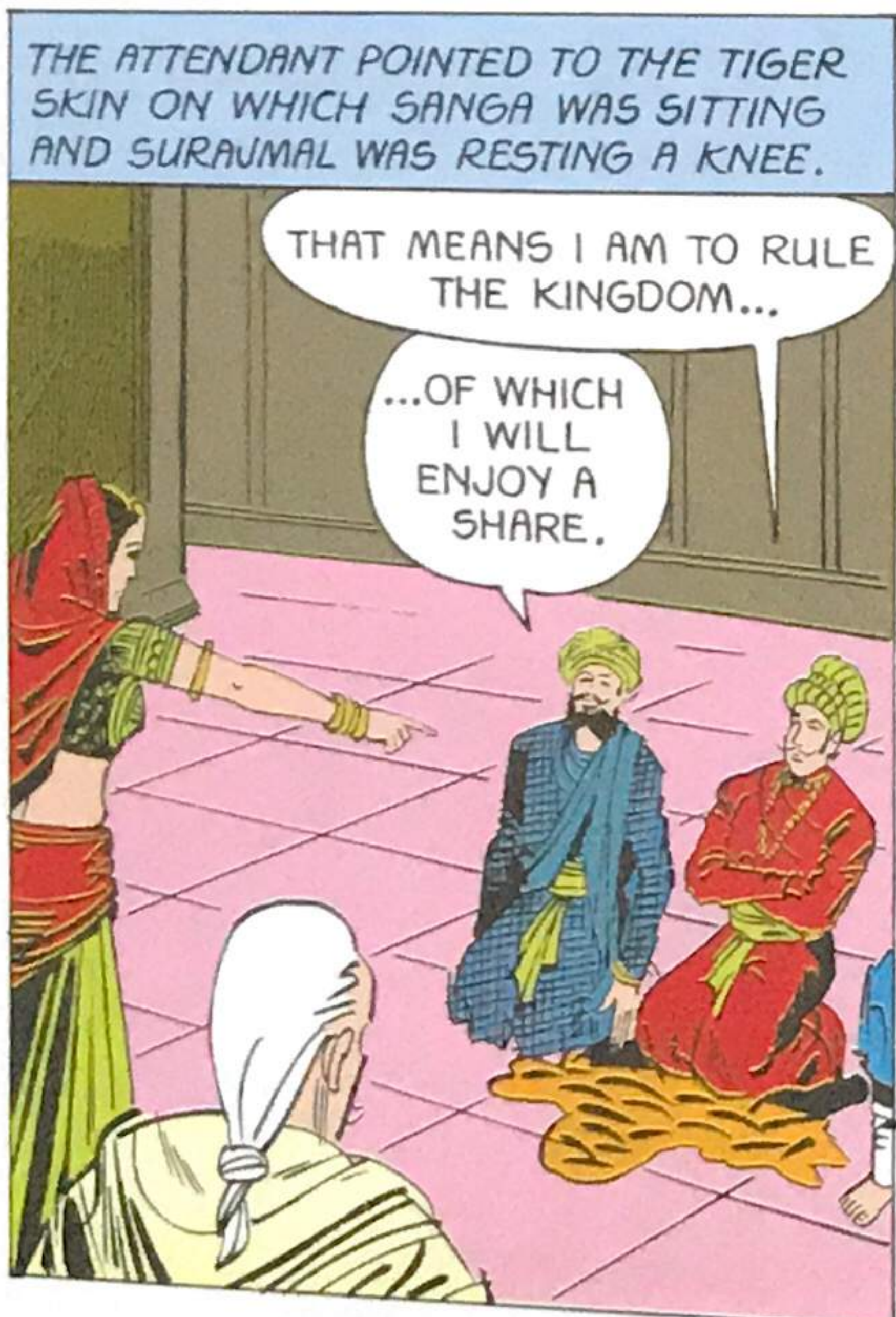
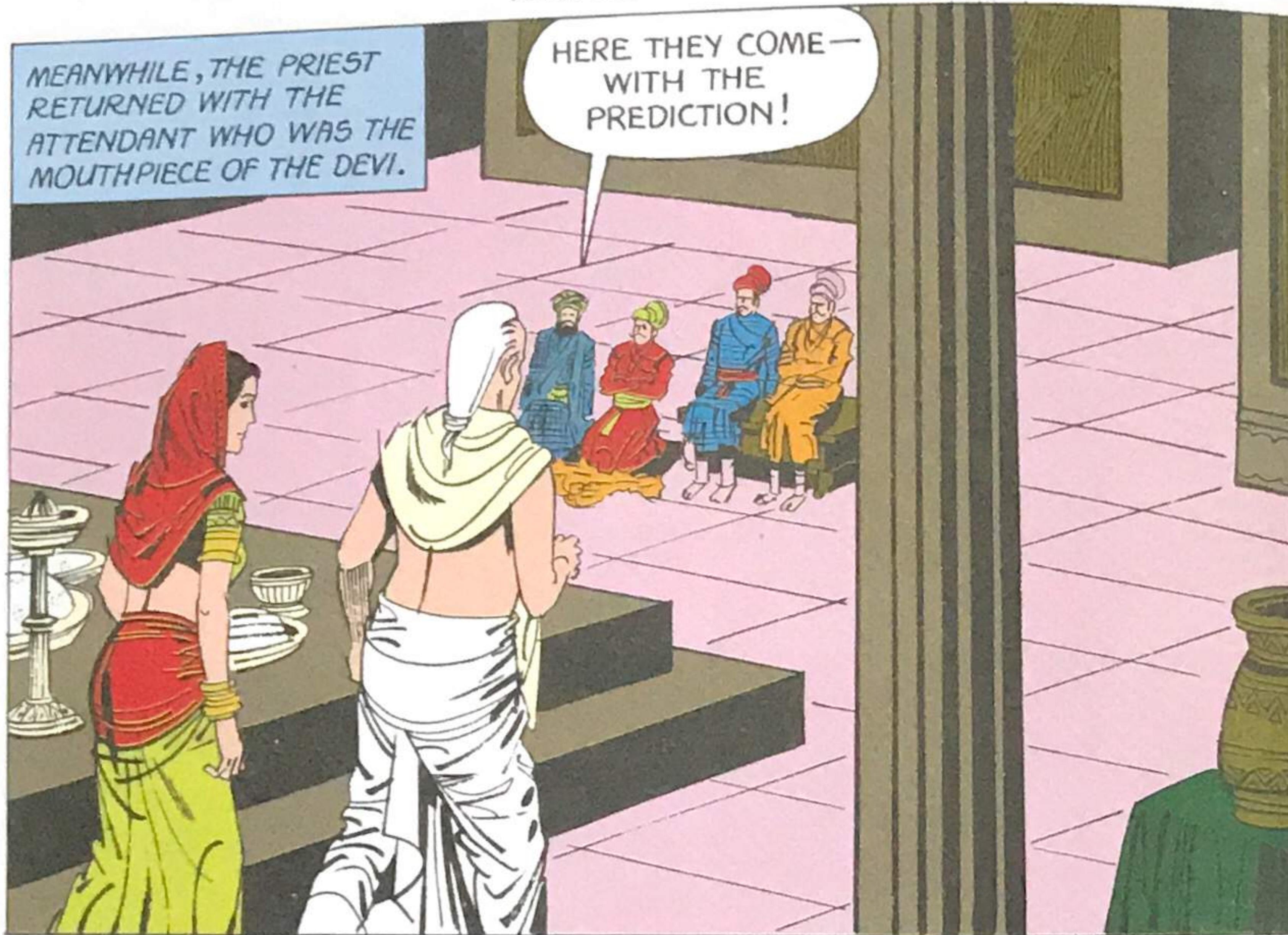




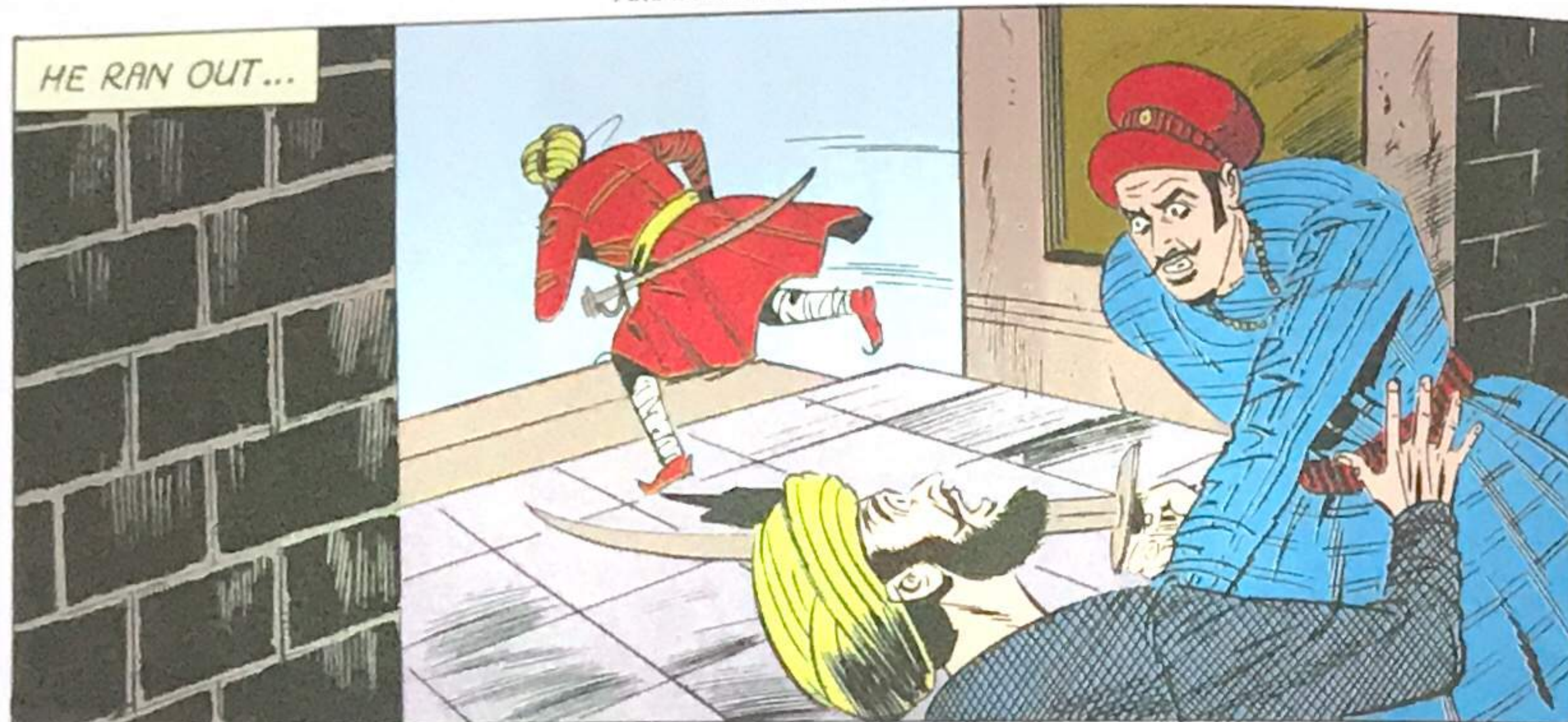












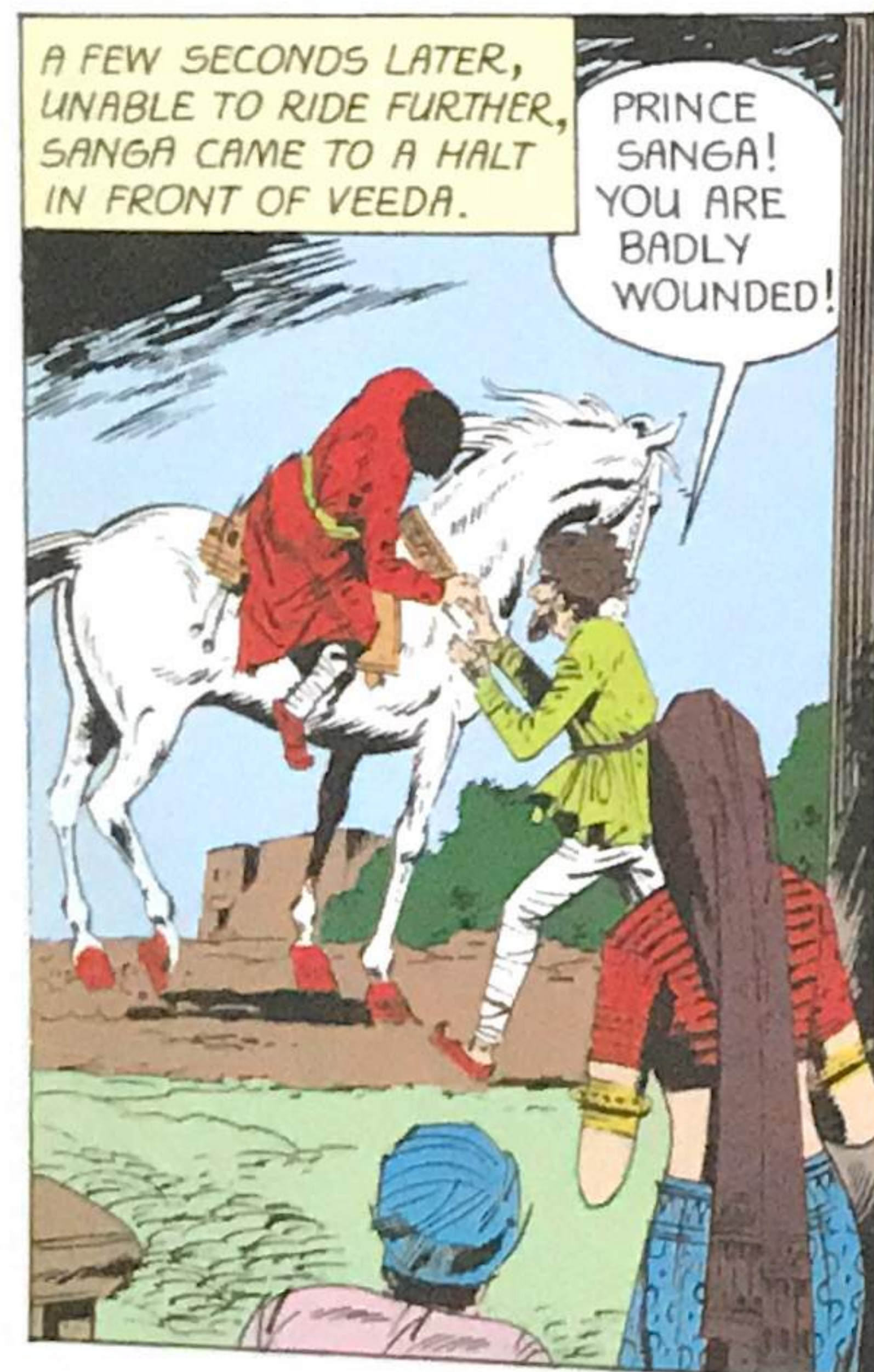




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I SAY STOP.

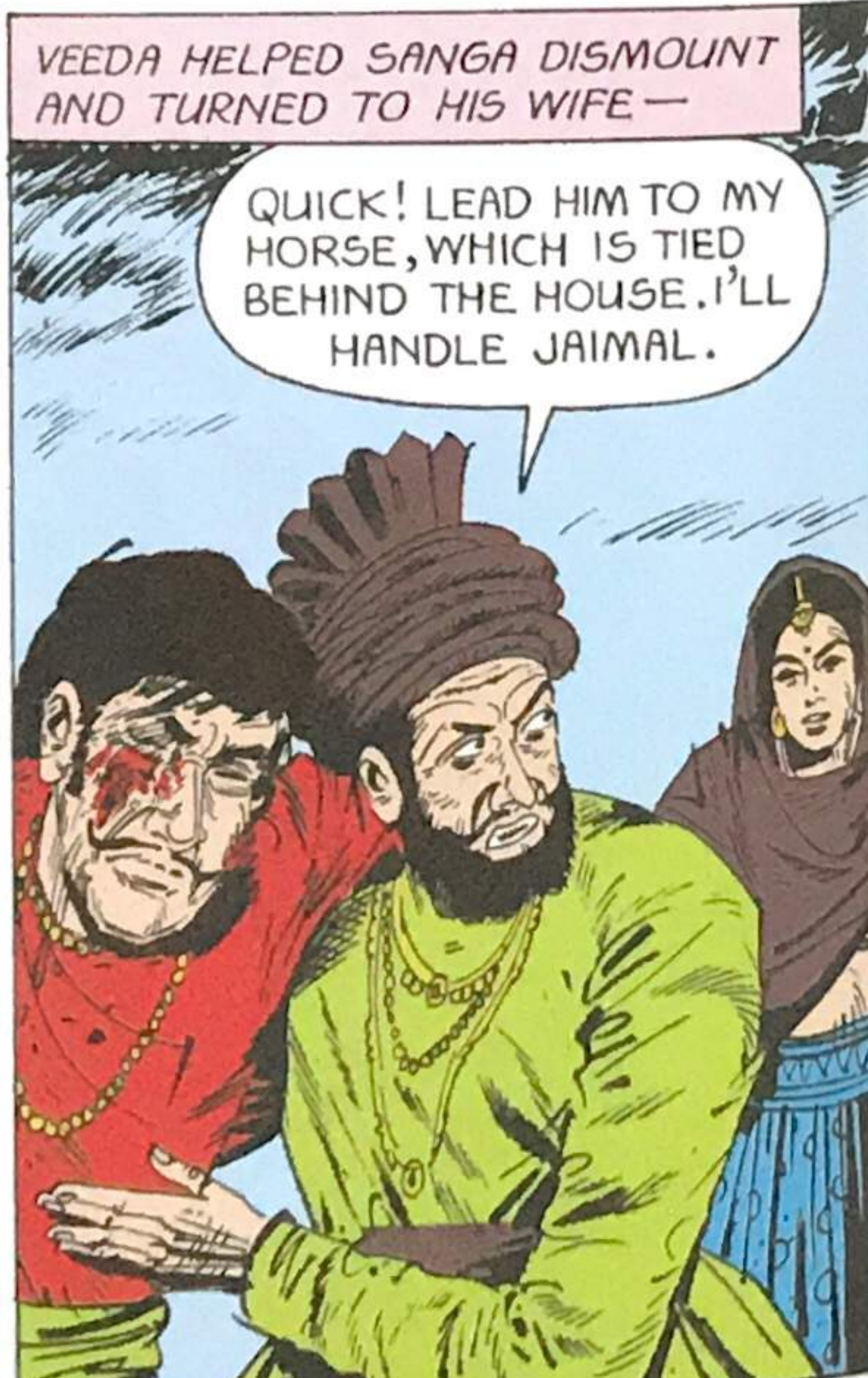


THE  
PRINCES! THEY  
ARE COMING  
THIS WAY.



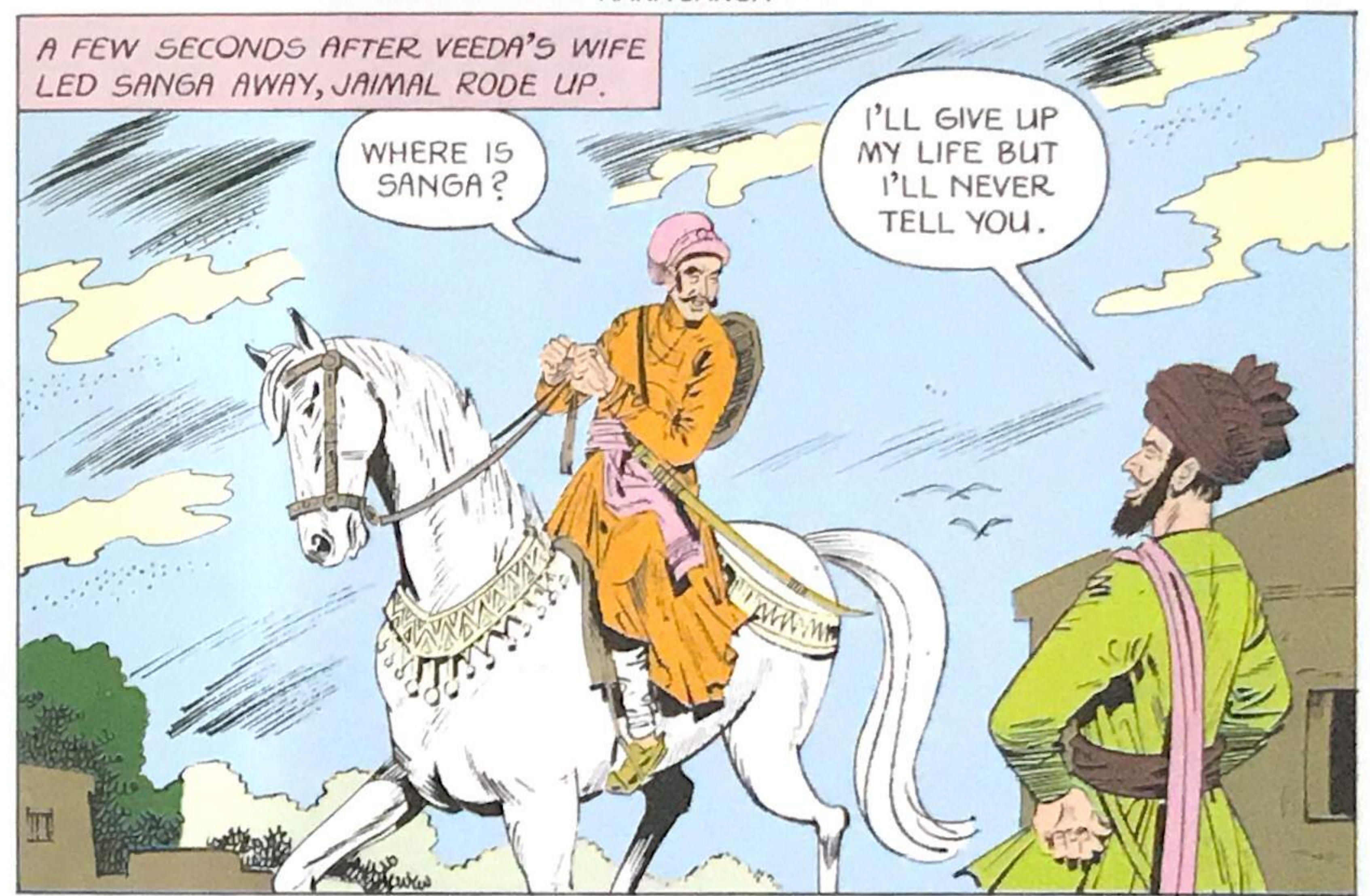
A FEW SECONDS LATER,  
UNABLE TO RIDE FURTHER,  
SANGA CAME TO A HALT  
IN FRONT OF VEEDA.

PRINCE  
SANGA!  
YOU ARE  
BADLY  
WOUNDED!



VEEDA HELPED SANGA DISMOUNT  
AND TURNED TO HIS WIFE —

QUICK! LEAD HIM TO MY  
HORSE, WHICH IS TIED  
BEHIND THE HOUSE. I'LL  
HANDLE JAIMAL.



A FEW SECONDS AFTER VEEDA'S WIFE  
LED SANGA AWAY, JAIMAL RODE UP.

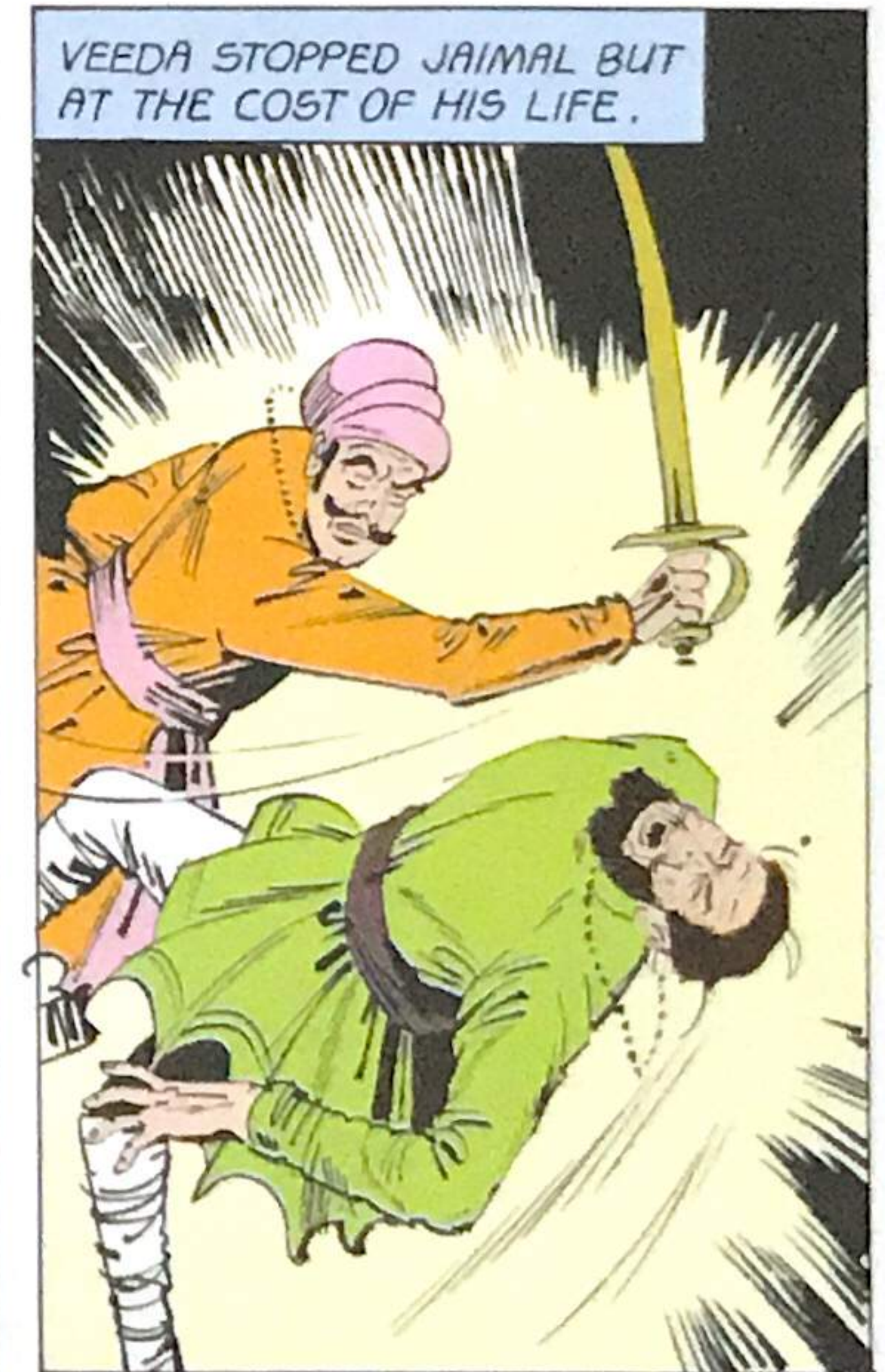
WHERE IS  
SANGA?

I'LL GIVE UP  
MY LIFE BUT  
I'LL NEVER  
TELL YOU.



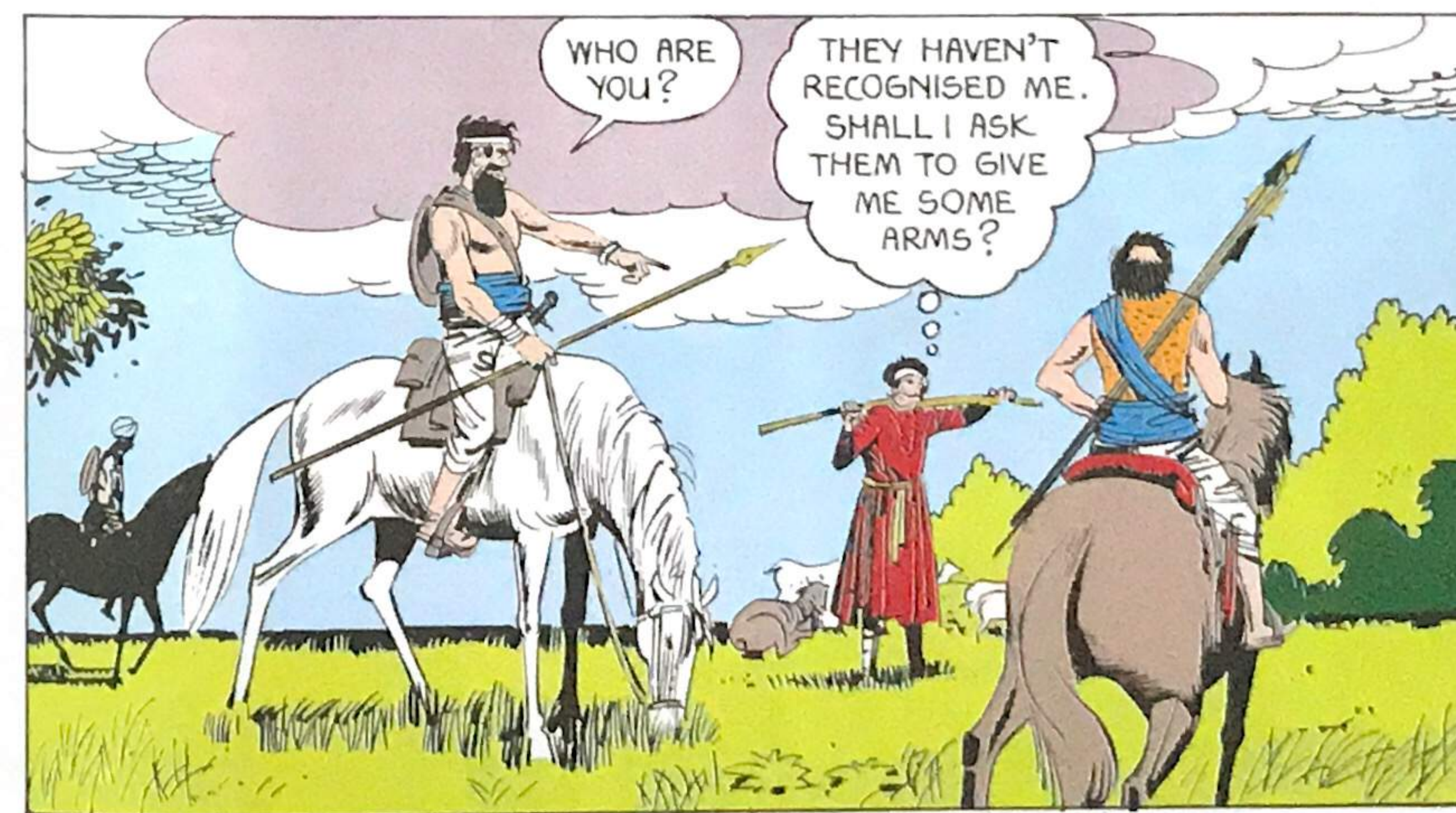
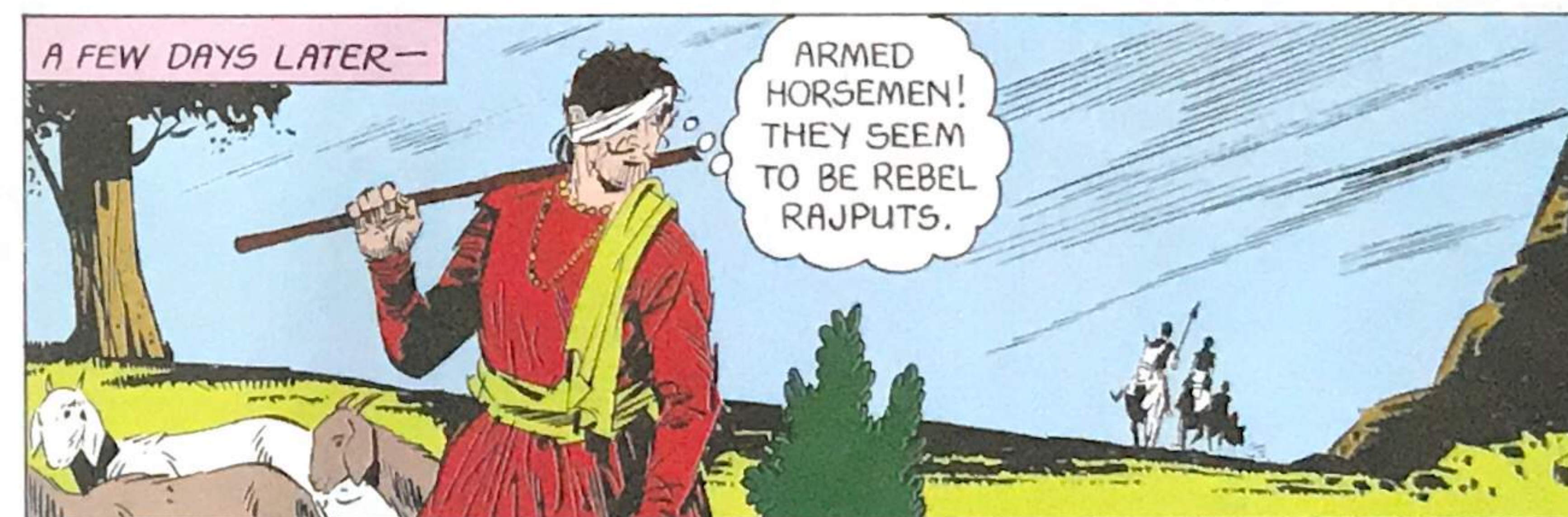
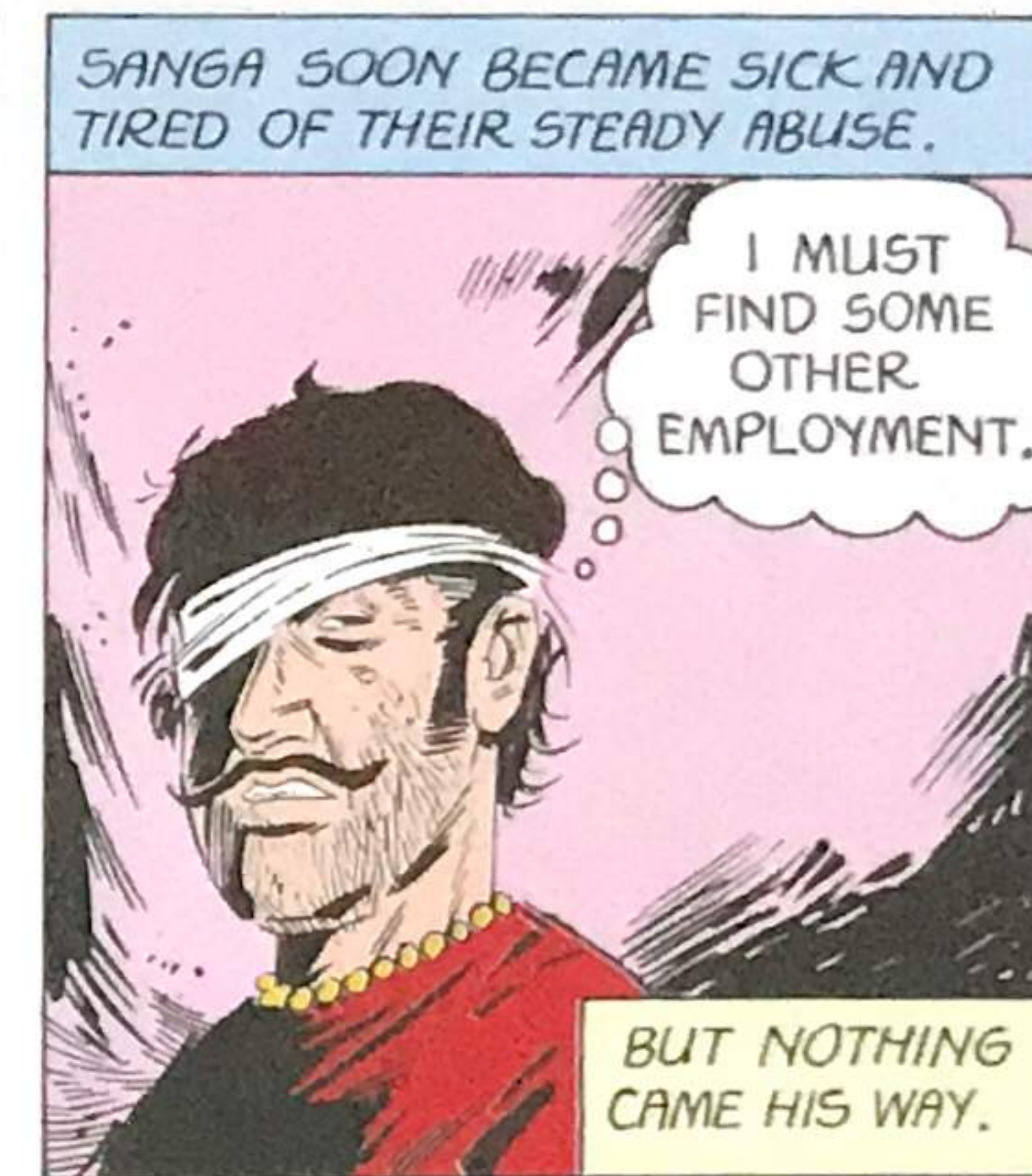
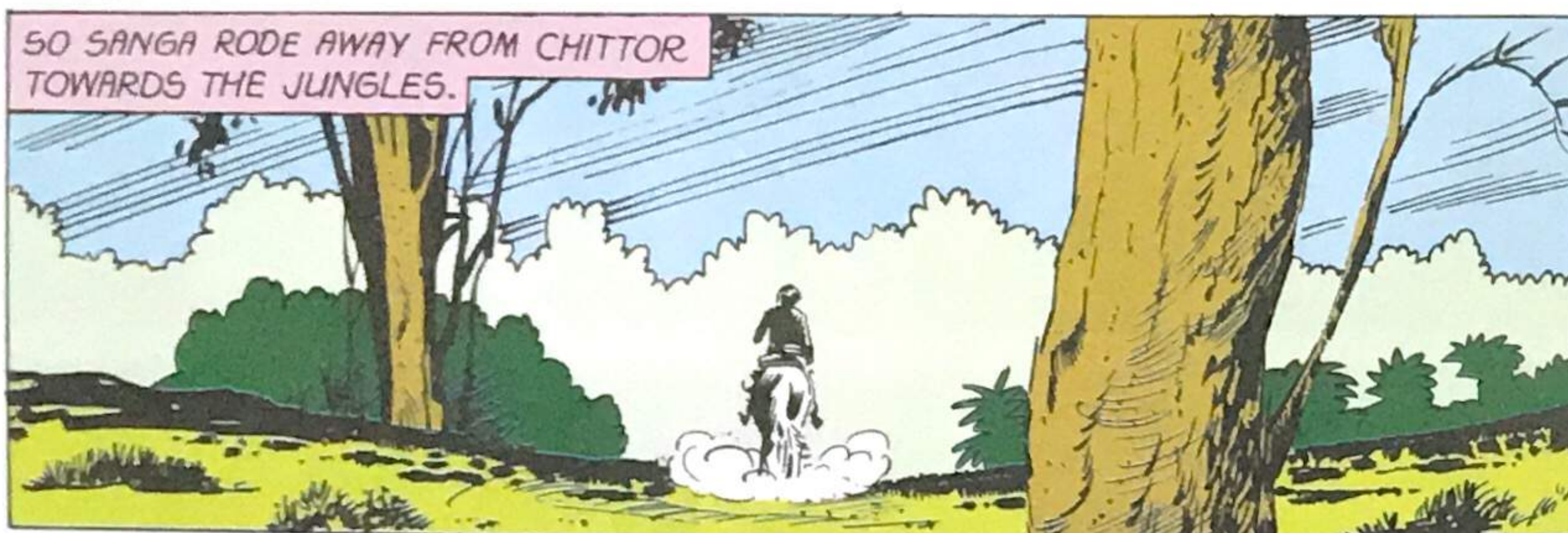
ENRAGED, JAIMAL DREW HIS  
SWORD AND ATTACKED VEEDA.

THIS SHOULD  
GIVE PRINCE  
SANGA ENOUGH  
TIME TO GET  
AWAY.

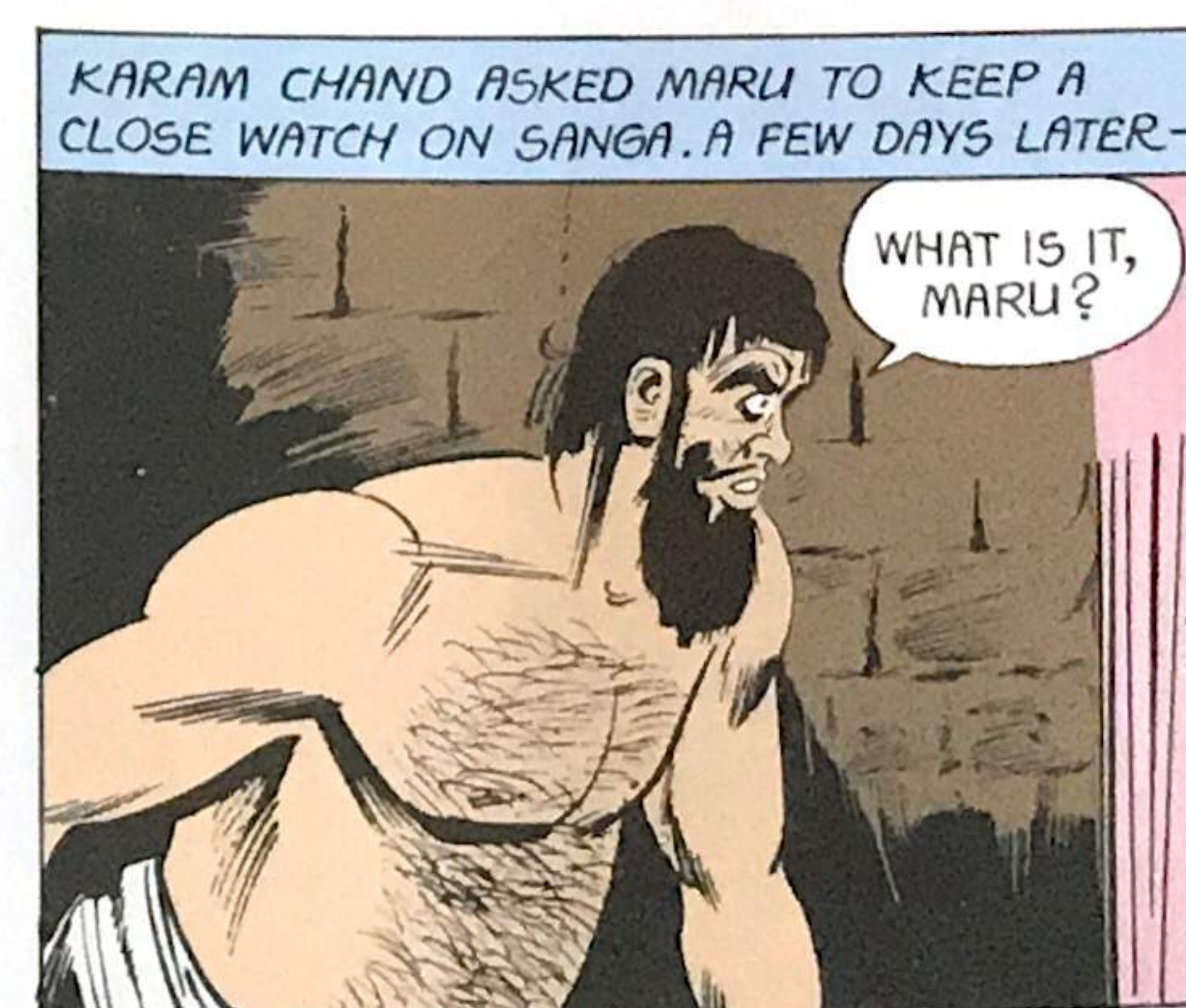
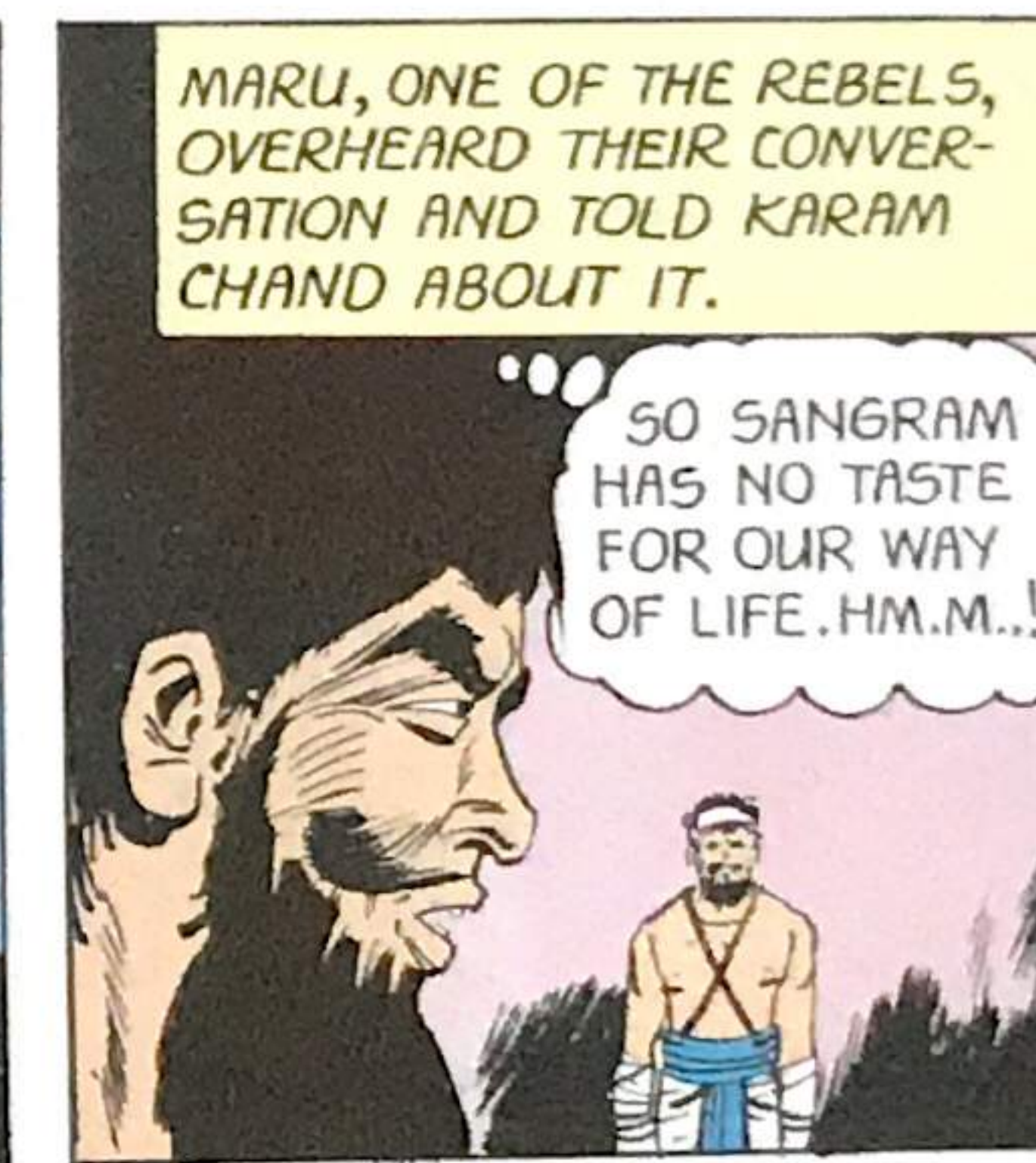
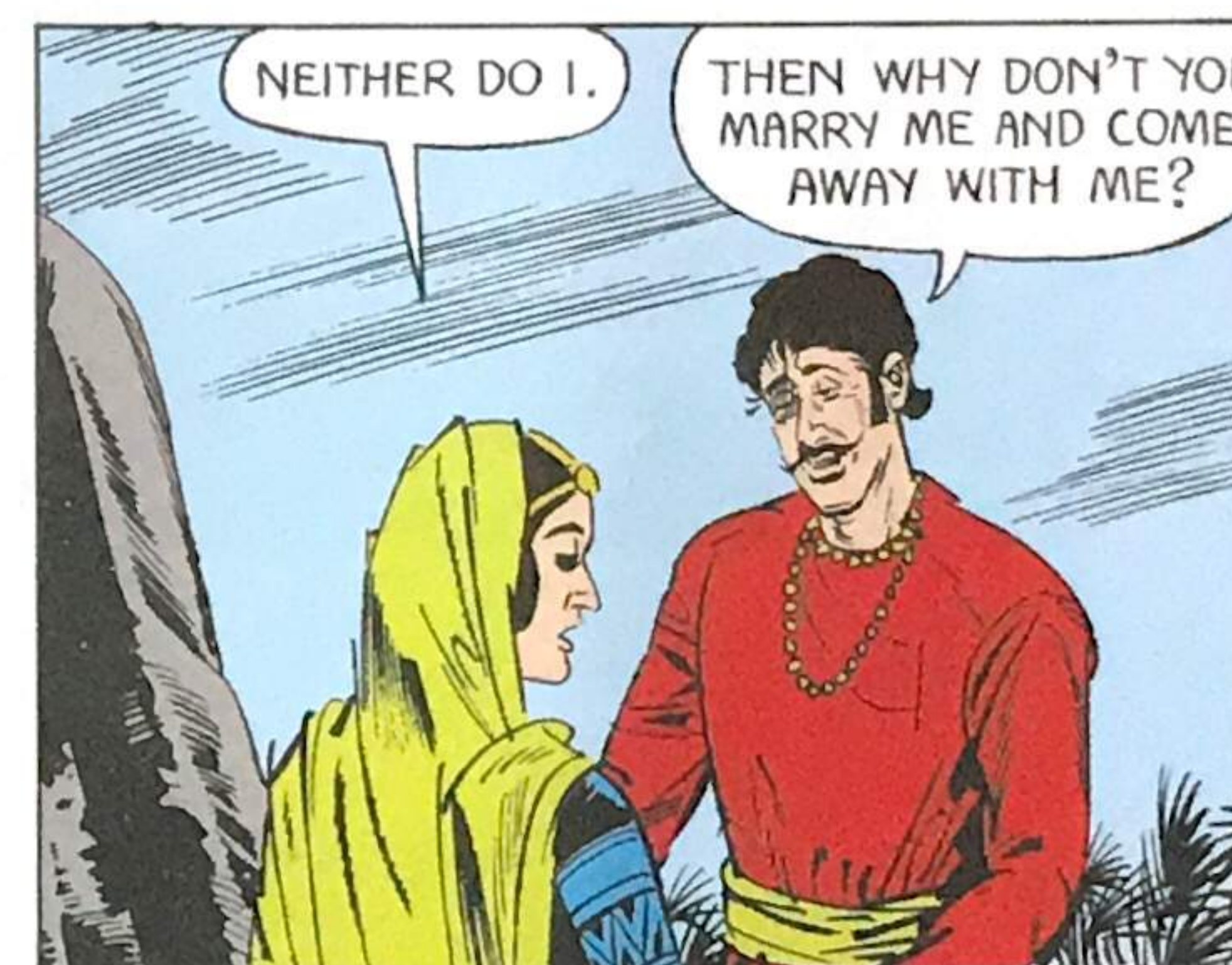
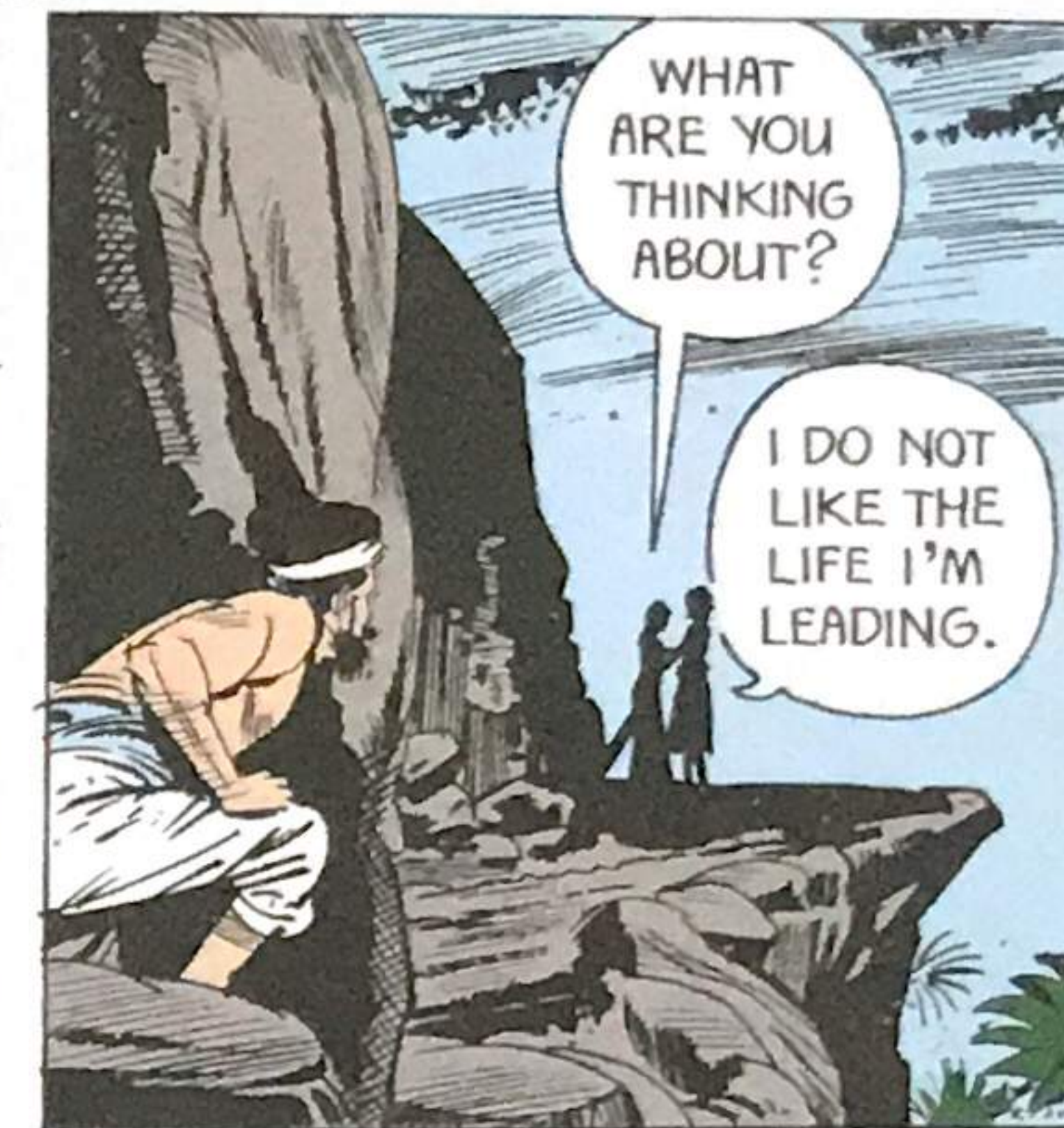
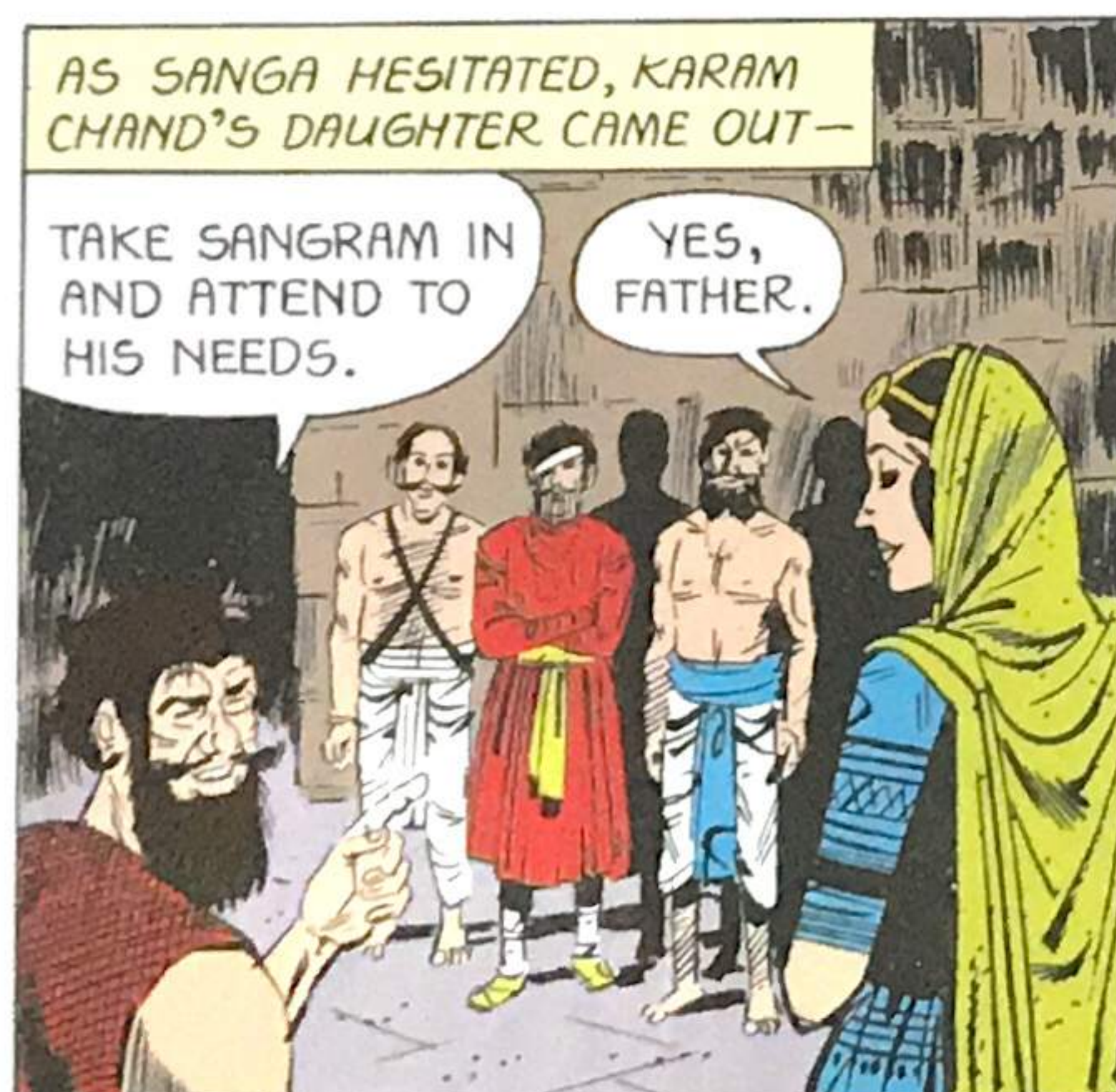
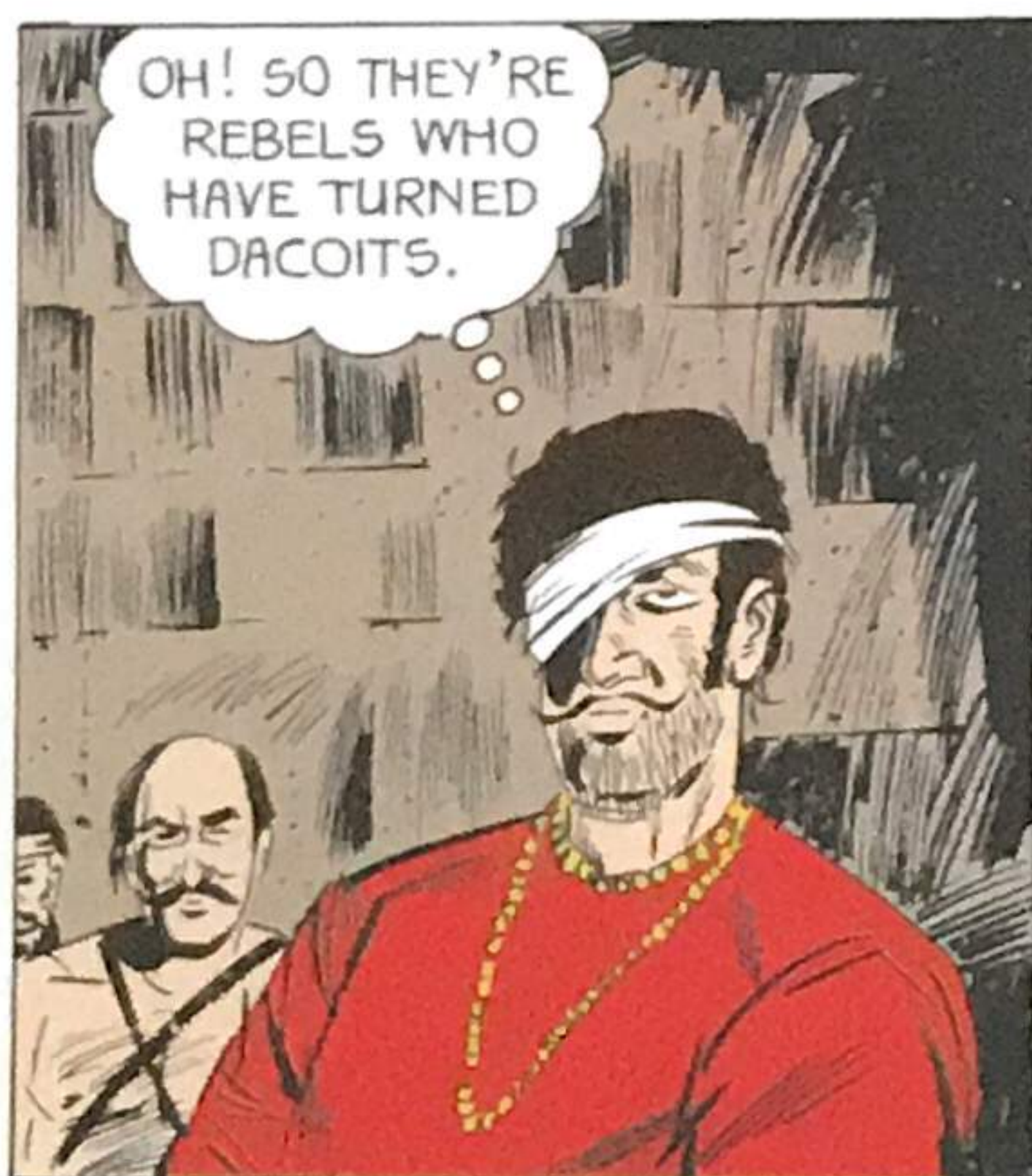
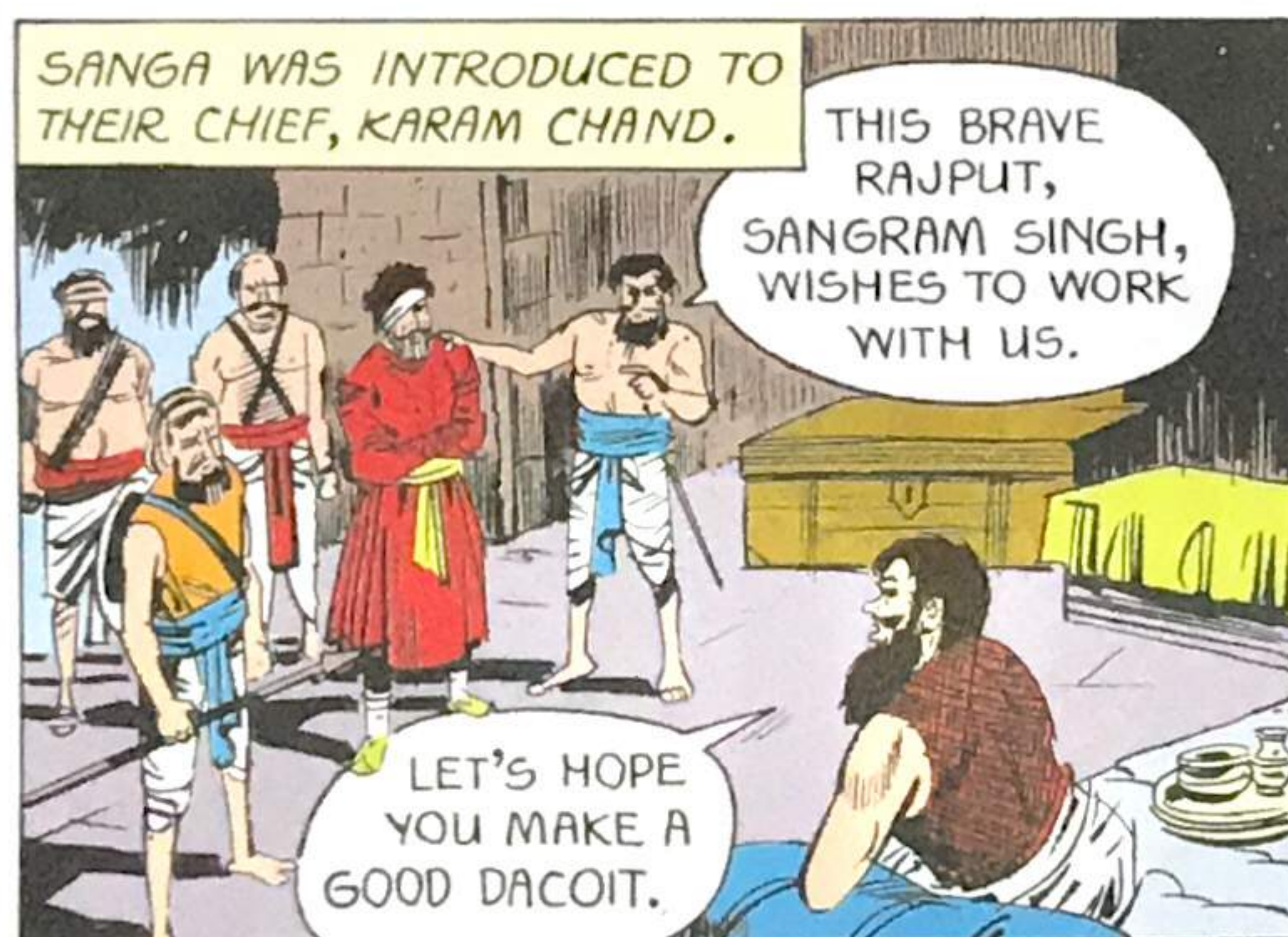
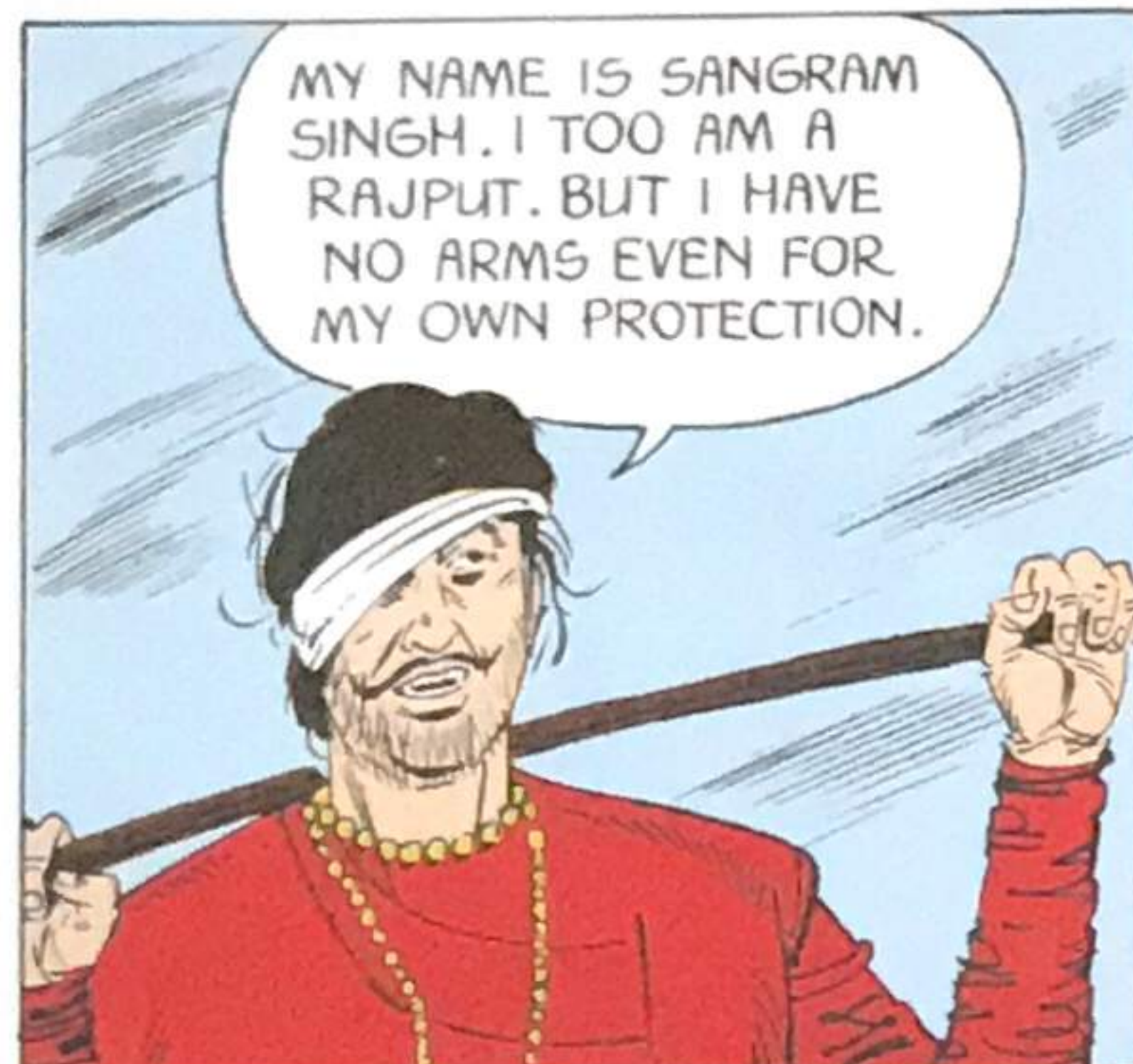


VEEDA STOPPED JAIMAL BUT  
AT THE COST OF HIS LIFE.

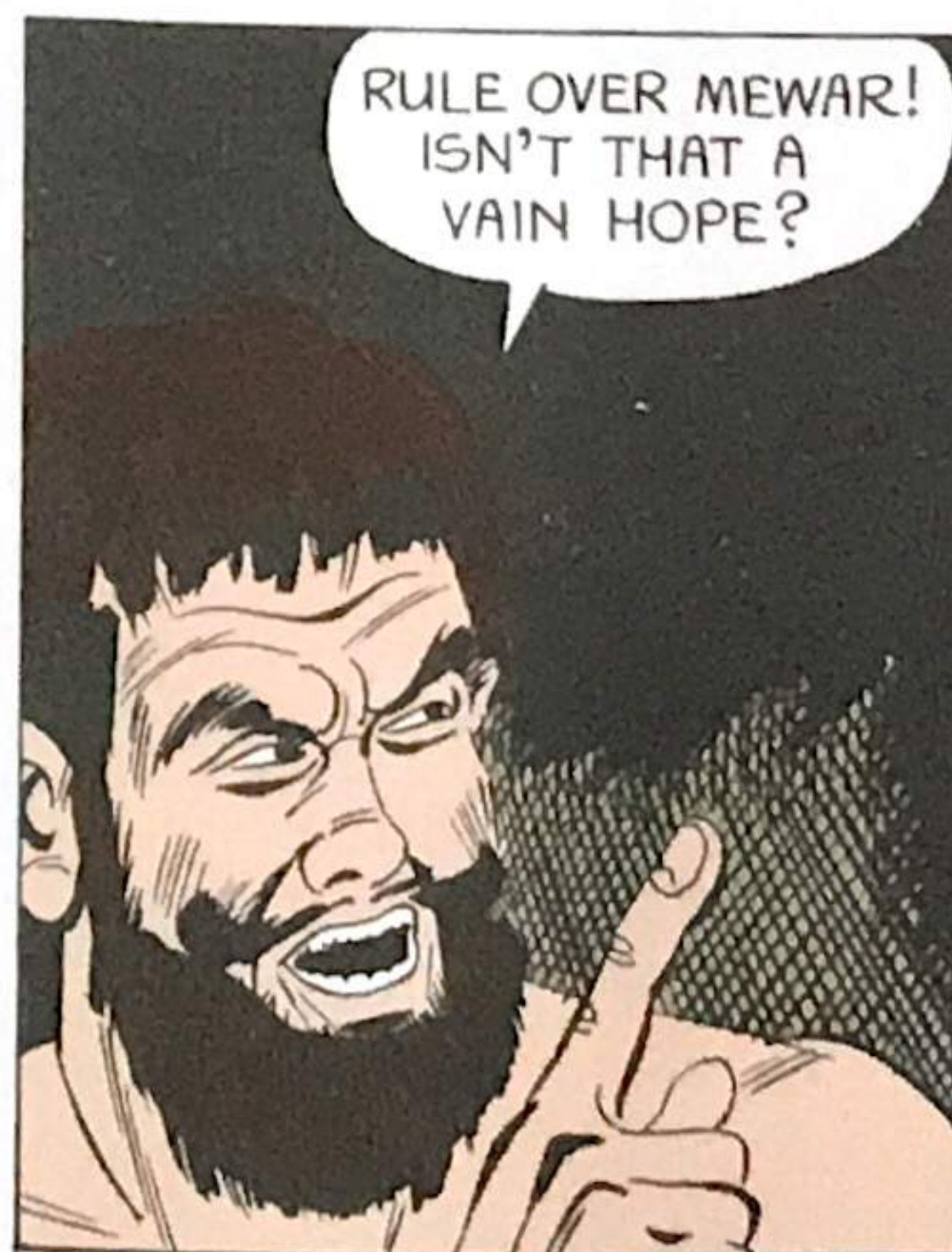
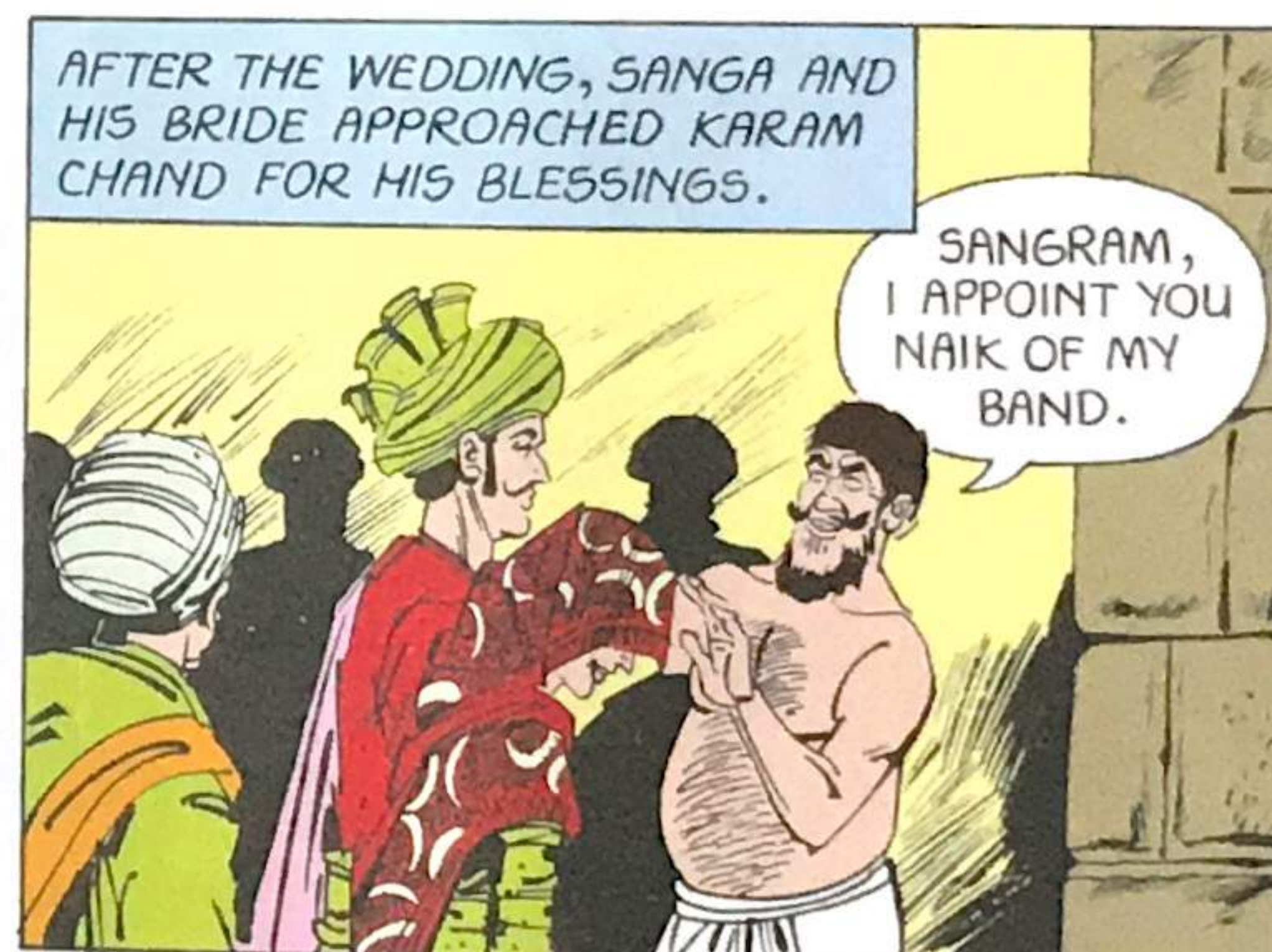
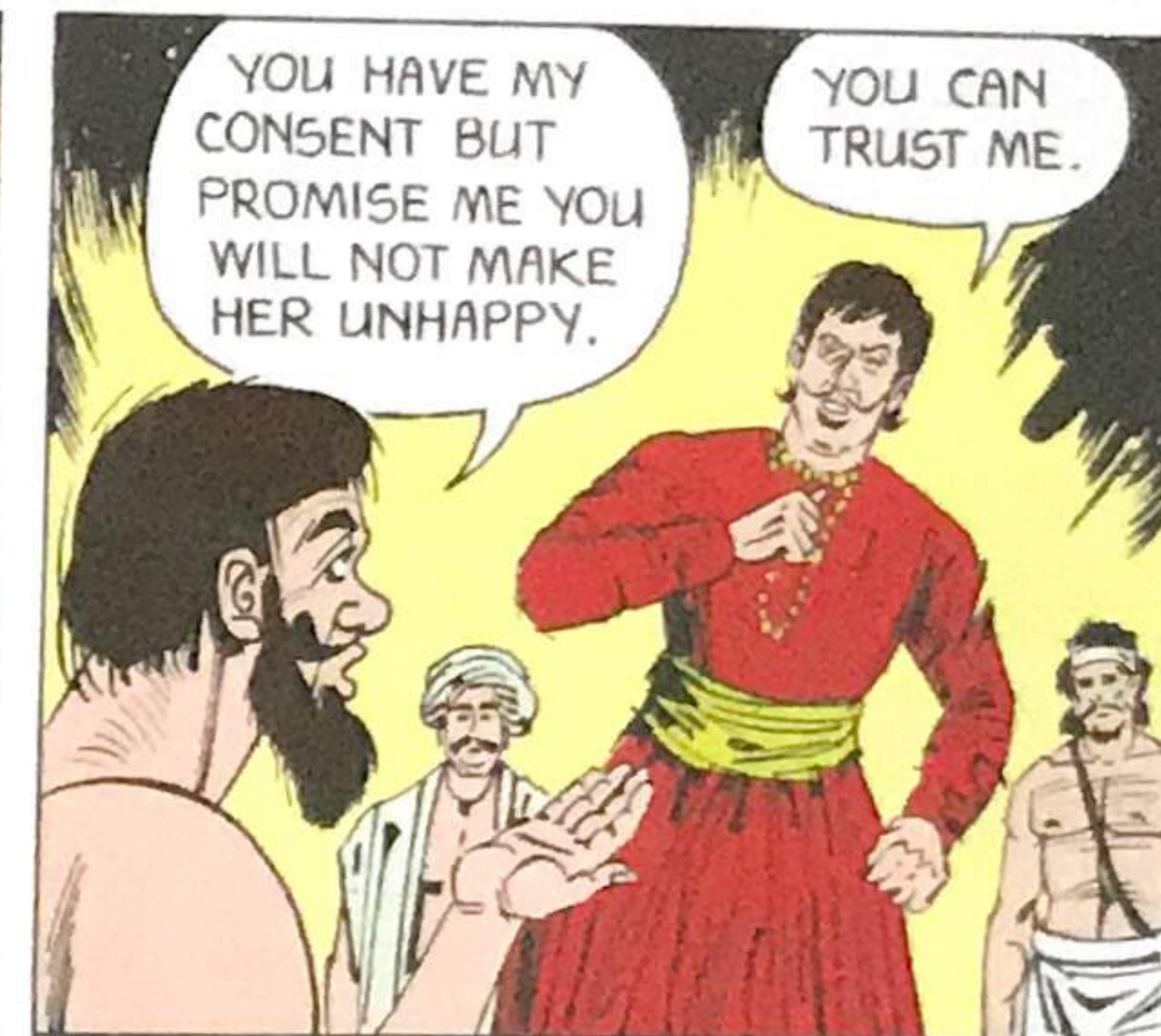
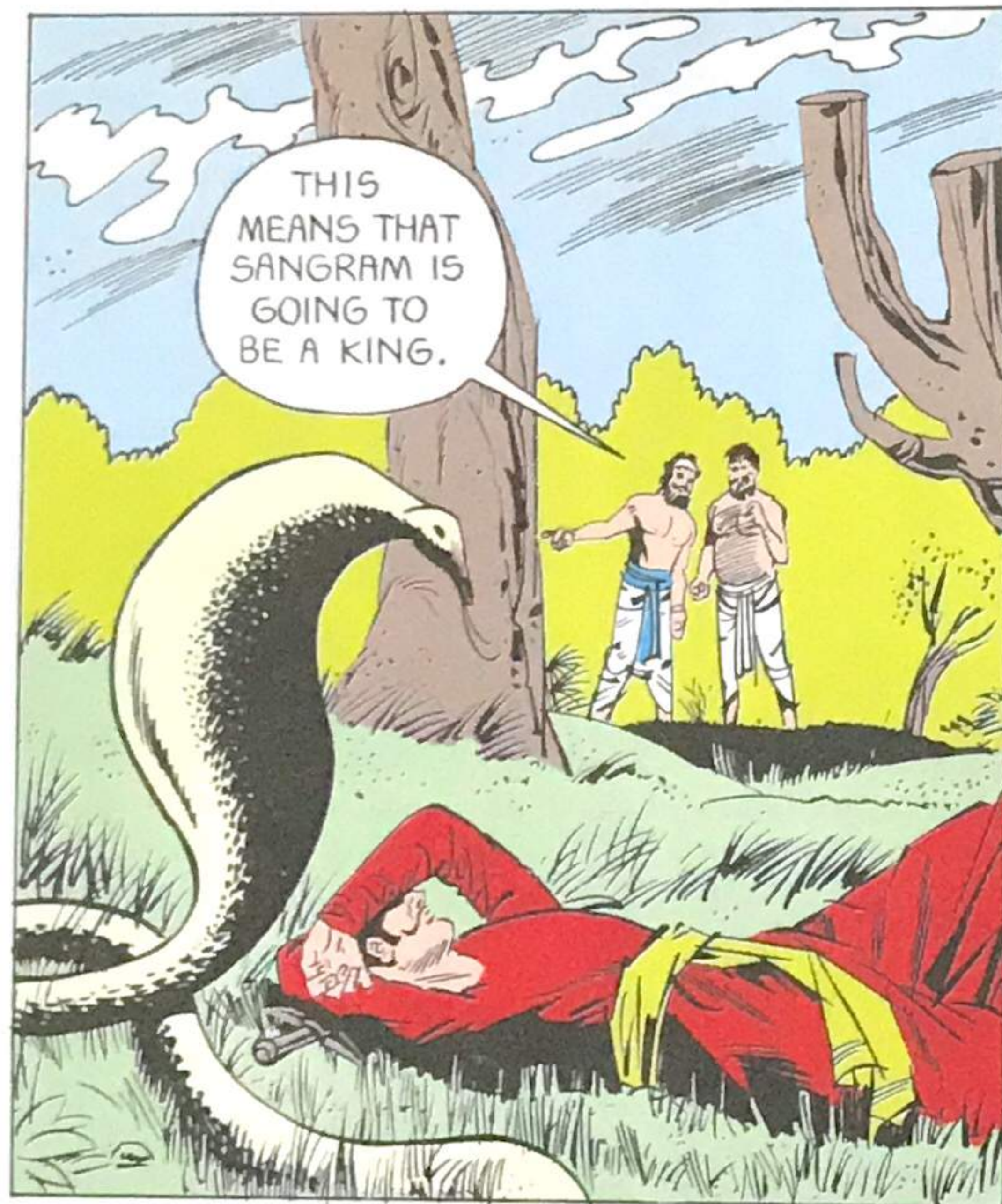




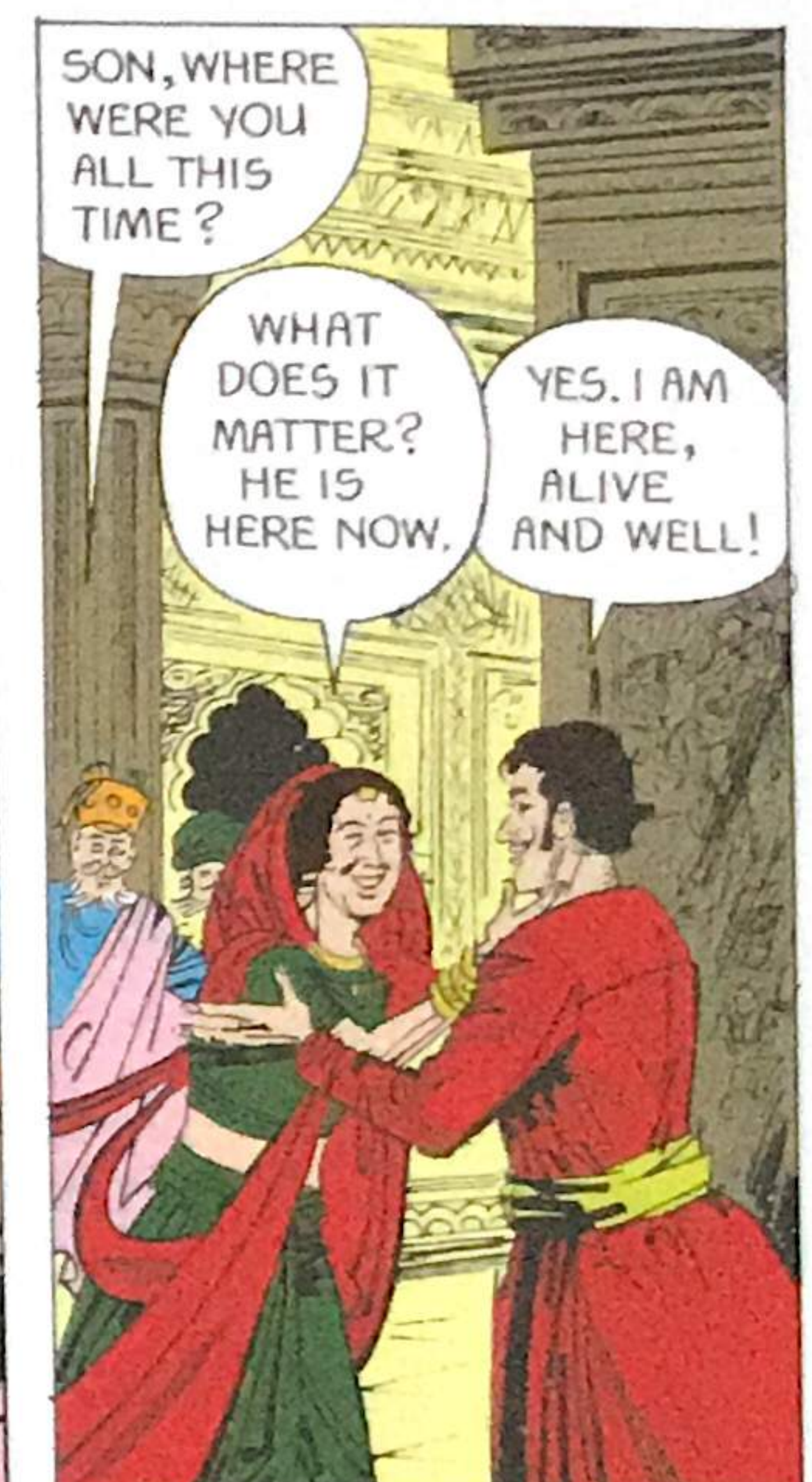
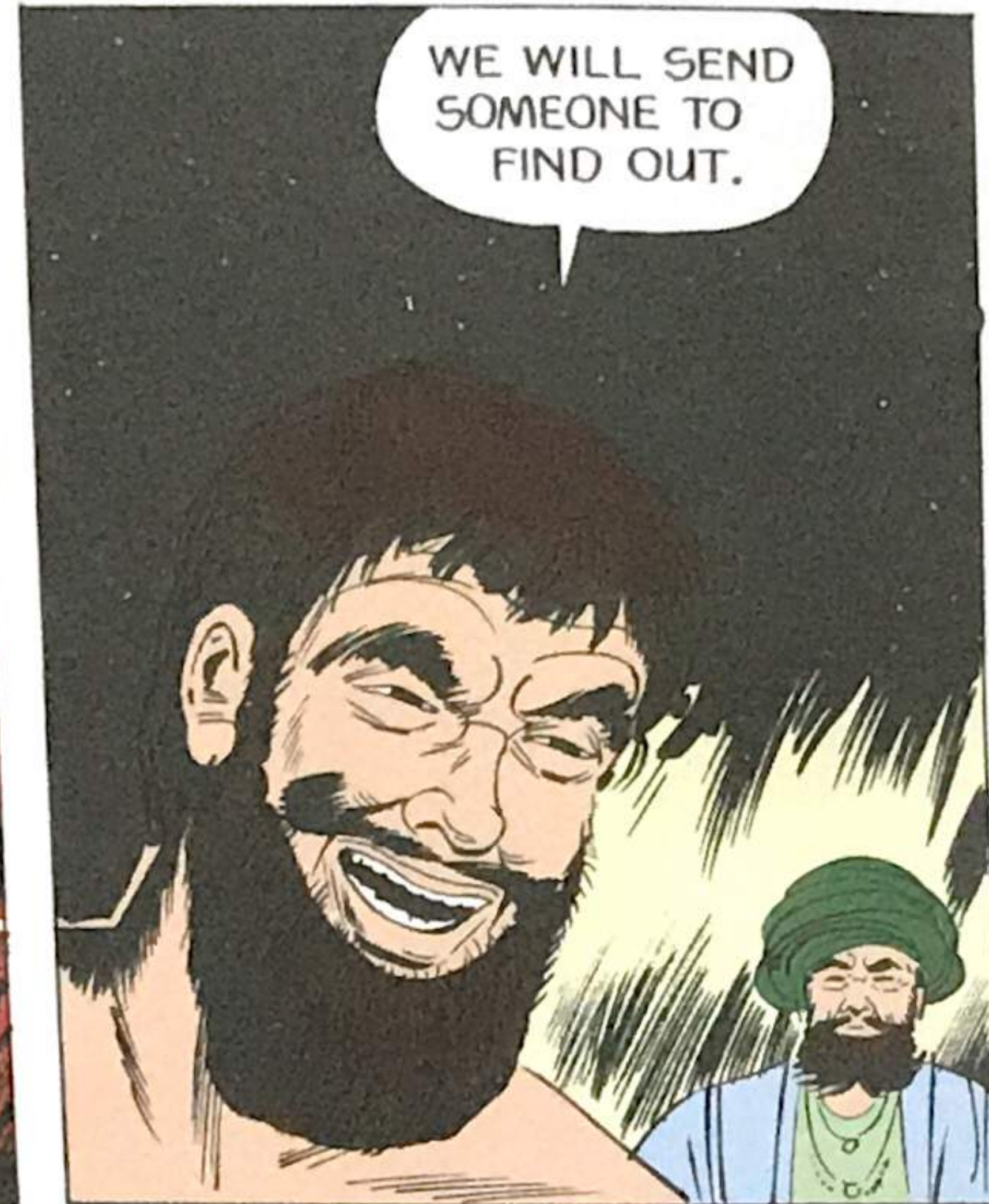
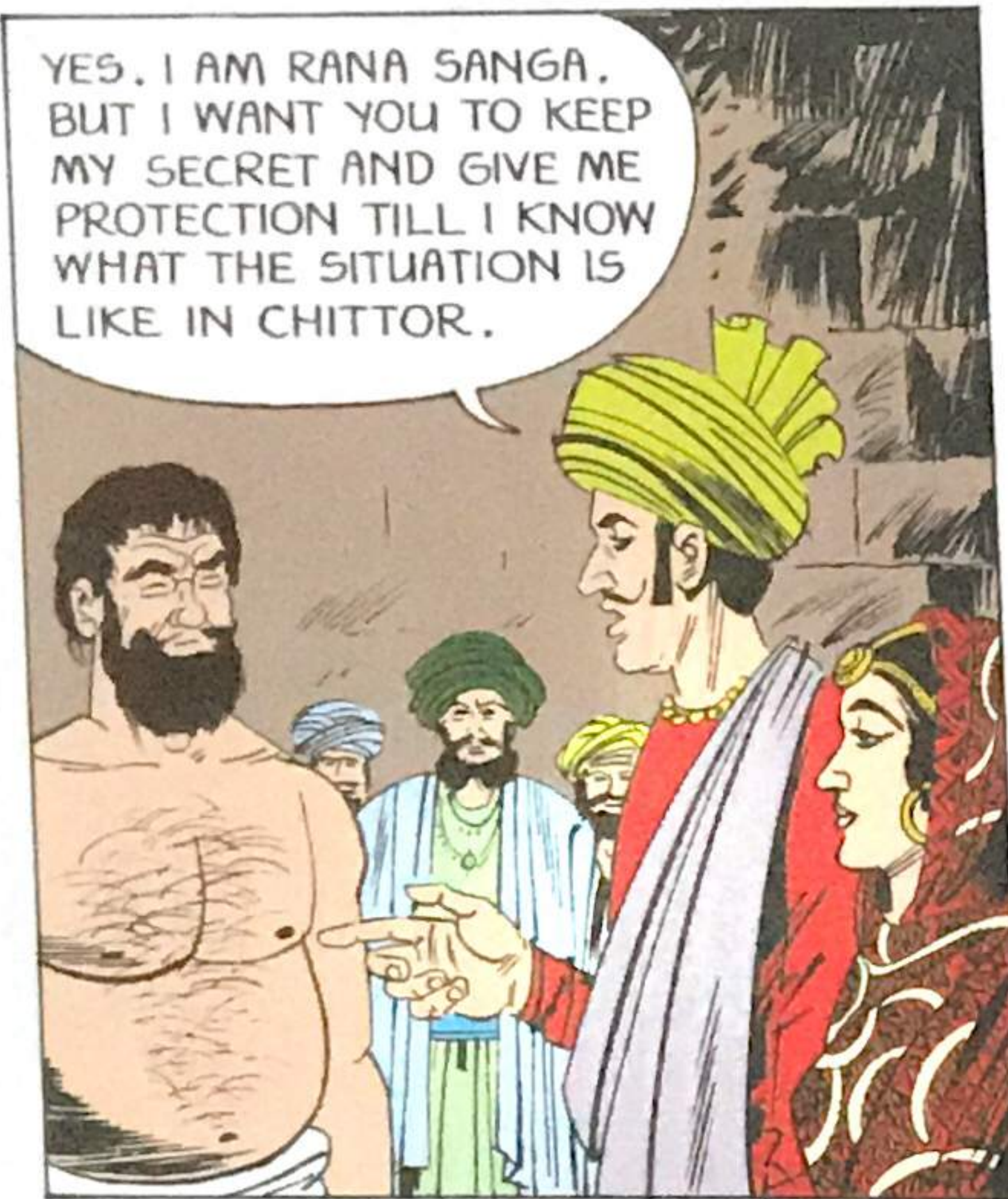




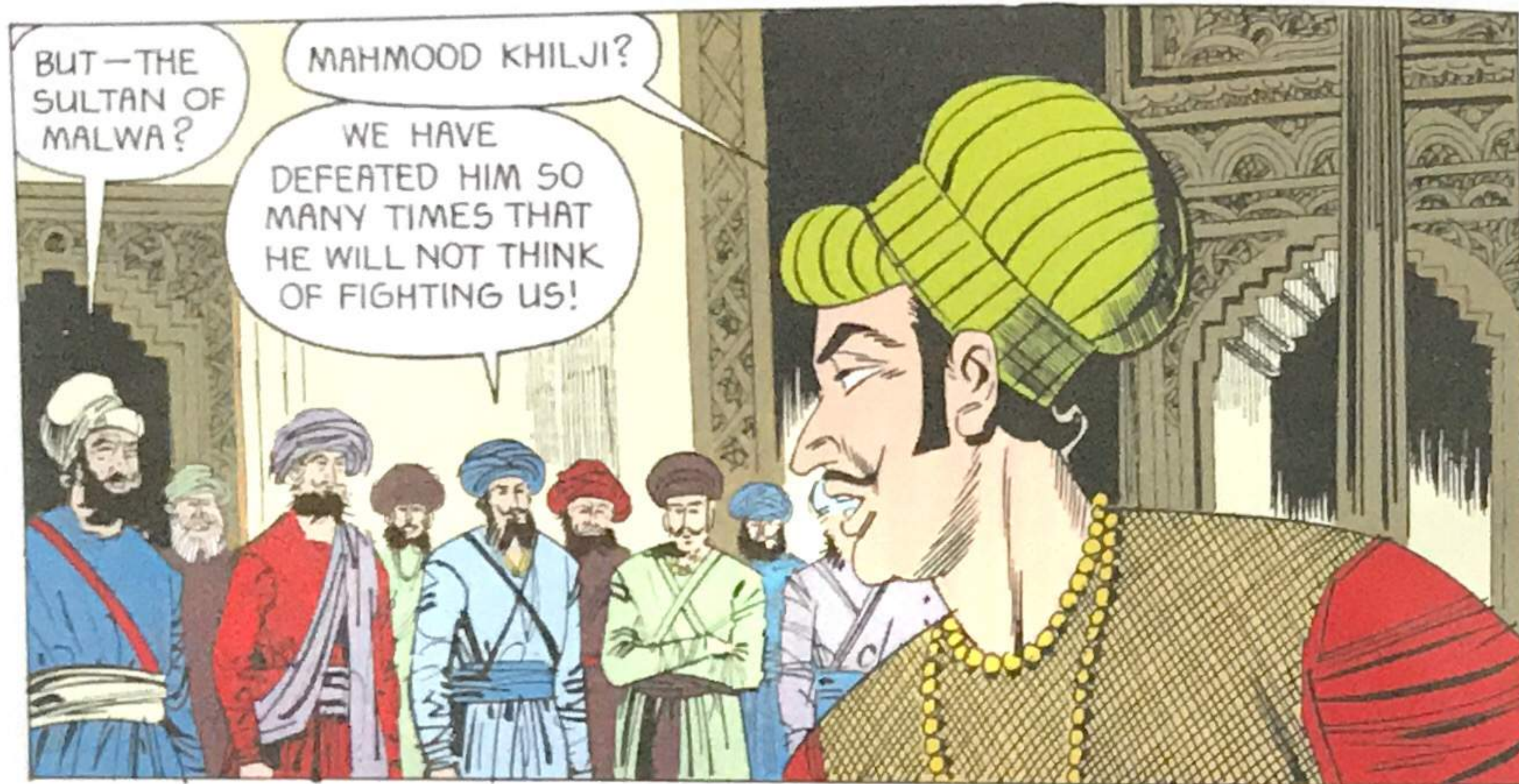




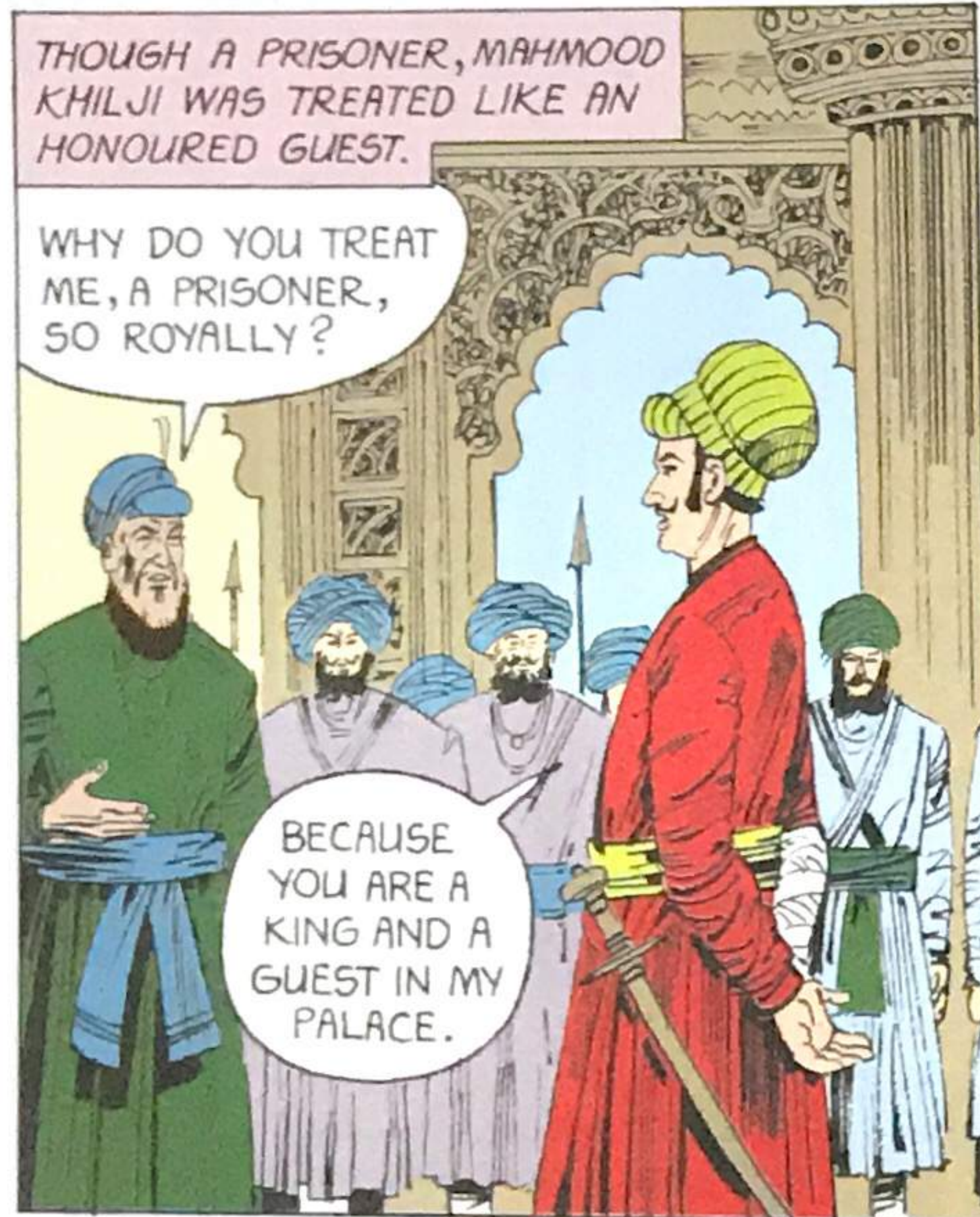




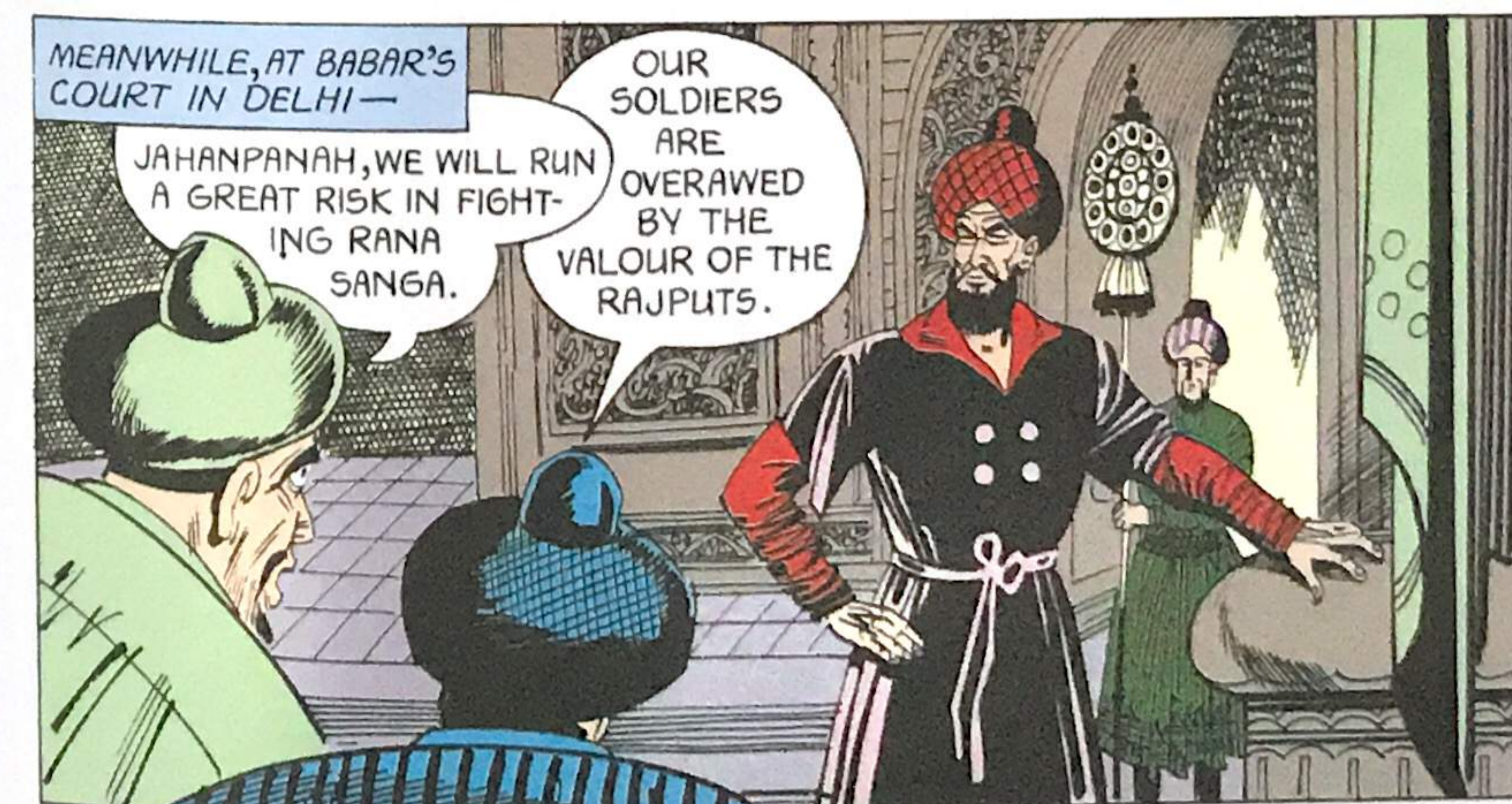
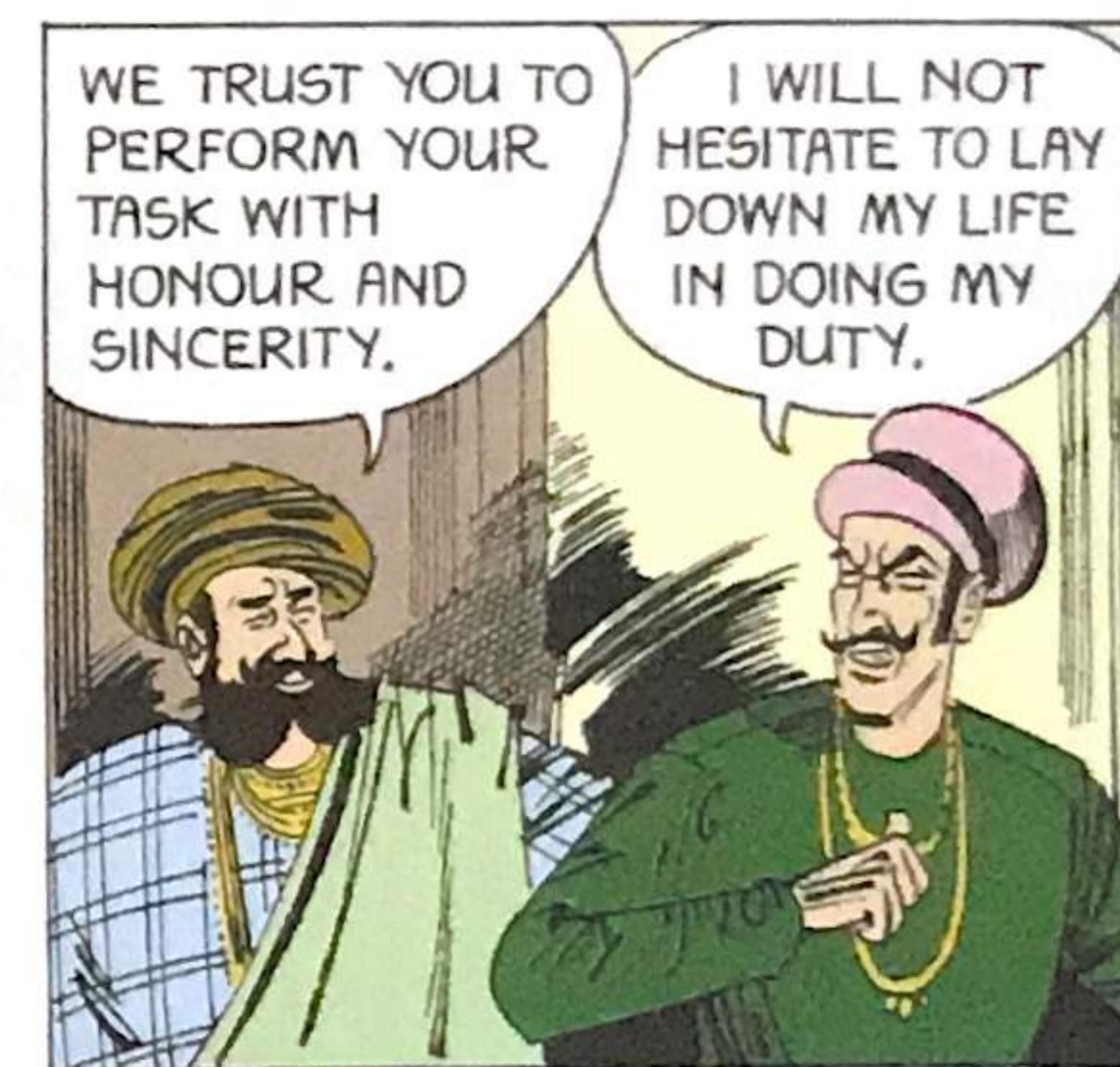
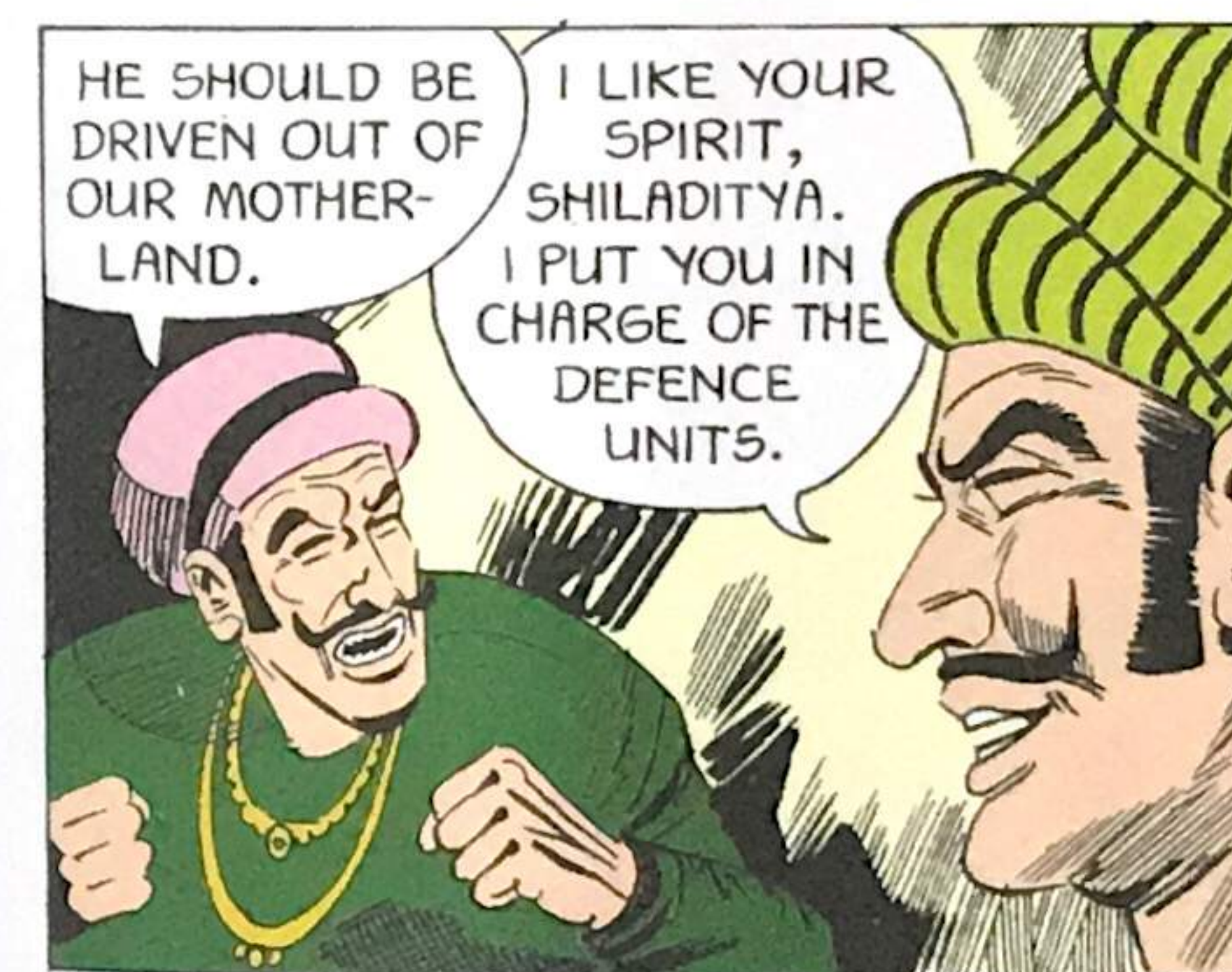
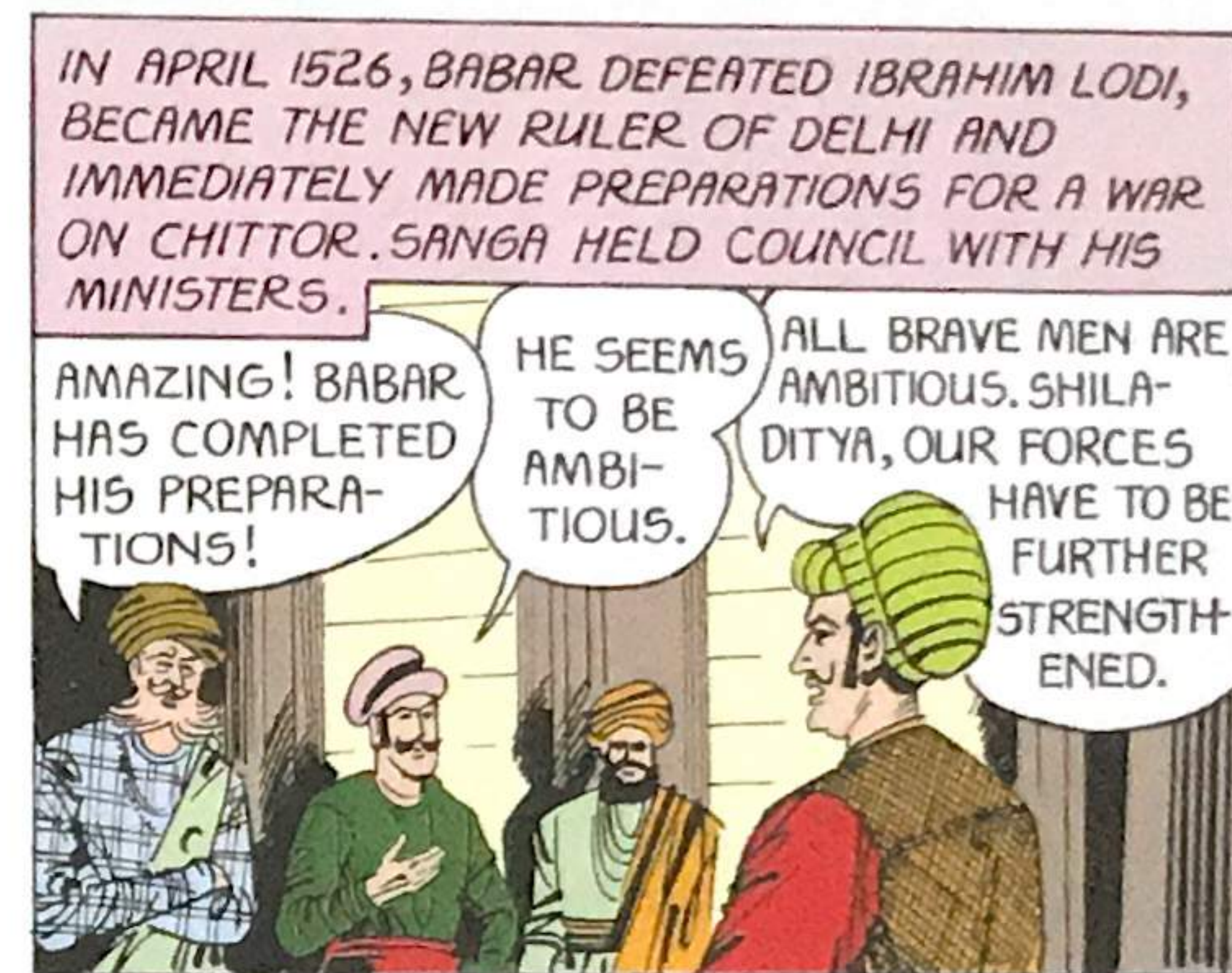
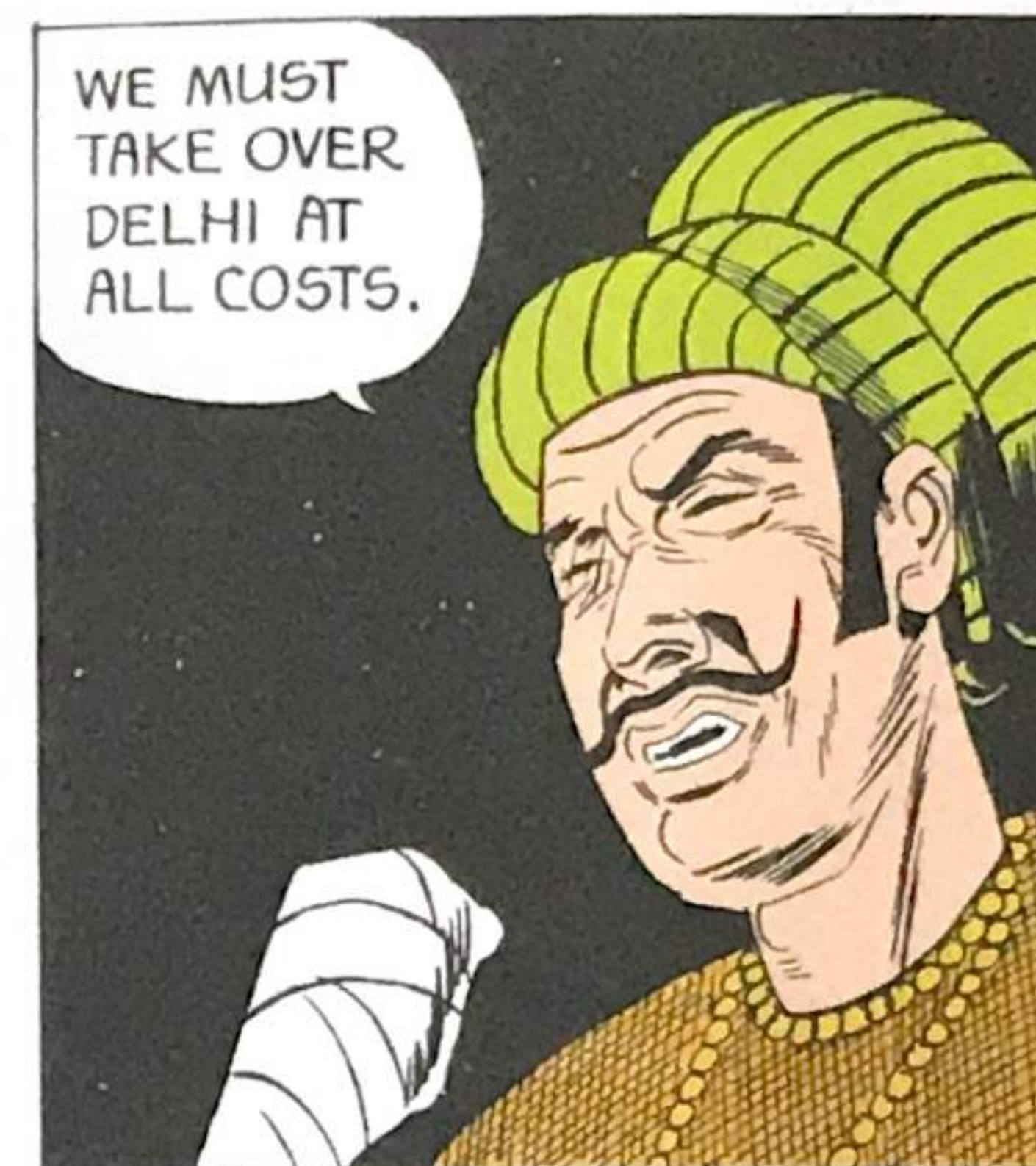
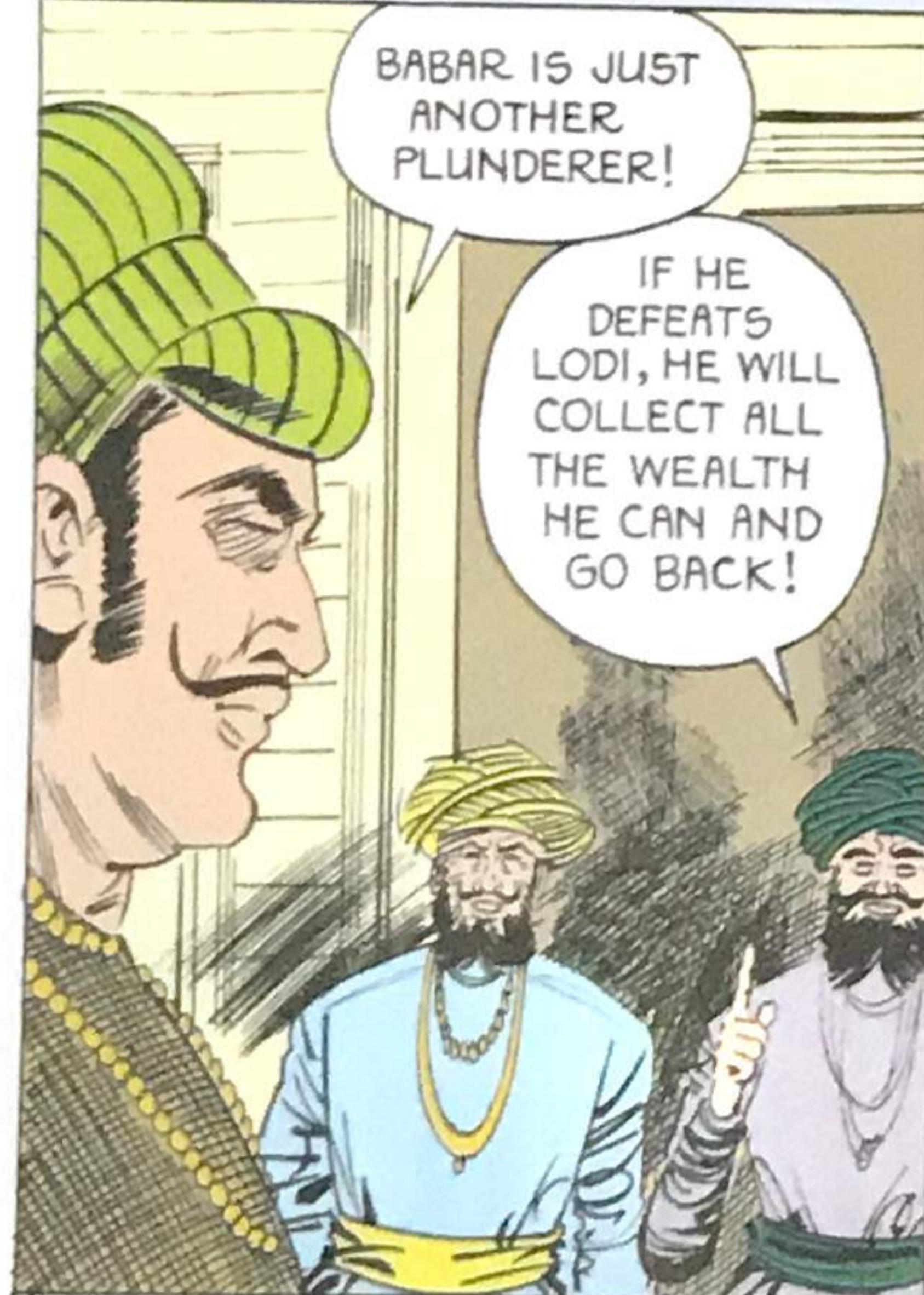








KHILJI HAD TO CEDE FOUR PROVINCES—BHILSA, SARANGPUR, CHANDERI AND RANTHAMBOR—BEFORE SANGA RELEASED HIM. MEANWHILE, BABAR HAD INVADDED DELHI.

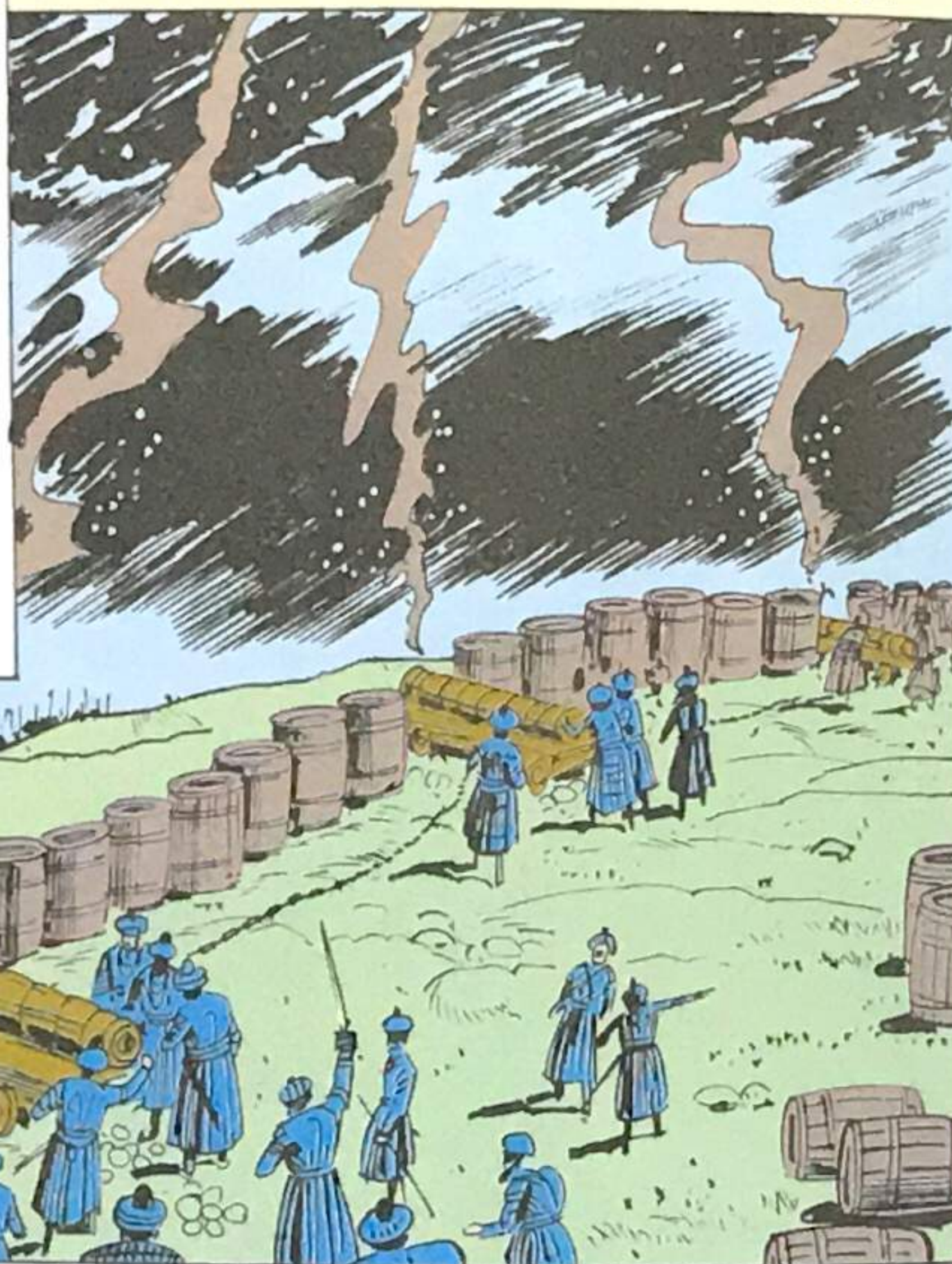






LET US TEST THE METTLE OF THIS MAN WHO HAS ONLY ONE EYE AND ONE ARM.

IN MARCH 1527, BABAR ATTACKED. THE FORCES OF RANA SANGA AND BABAR MET IN THE BATTLEFIELD OF KHANWA.



BABAR'S ADVANCE OF ABOUT 1500 MEN WAS CUT TO PIECES.



REINFORCEMENTS WERE SENT BUT THEY TOO MADE A HURRIED RETREAT.

JAHANPANA, OUR SOLDIERS HAVE ALREADY LOST HEART.



I WILL SPEAK TO THEM.

BABAR ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL WINE FLASKS.

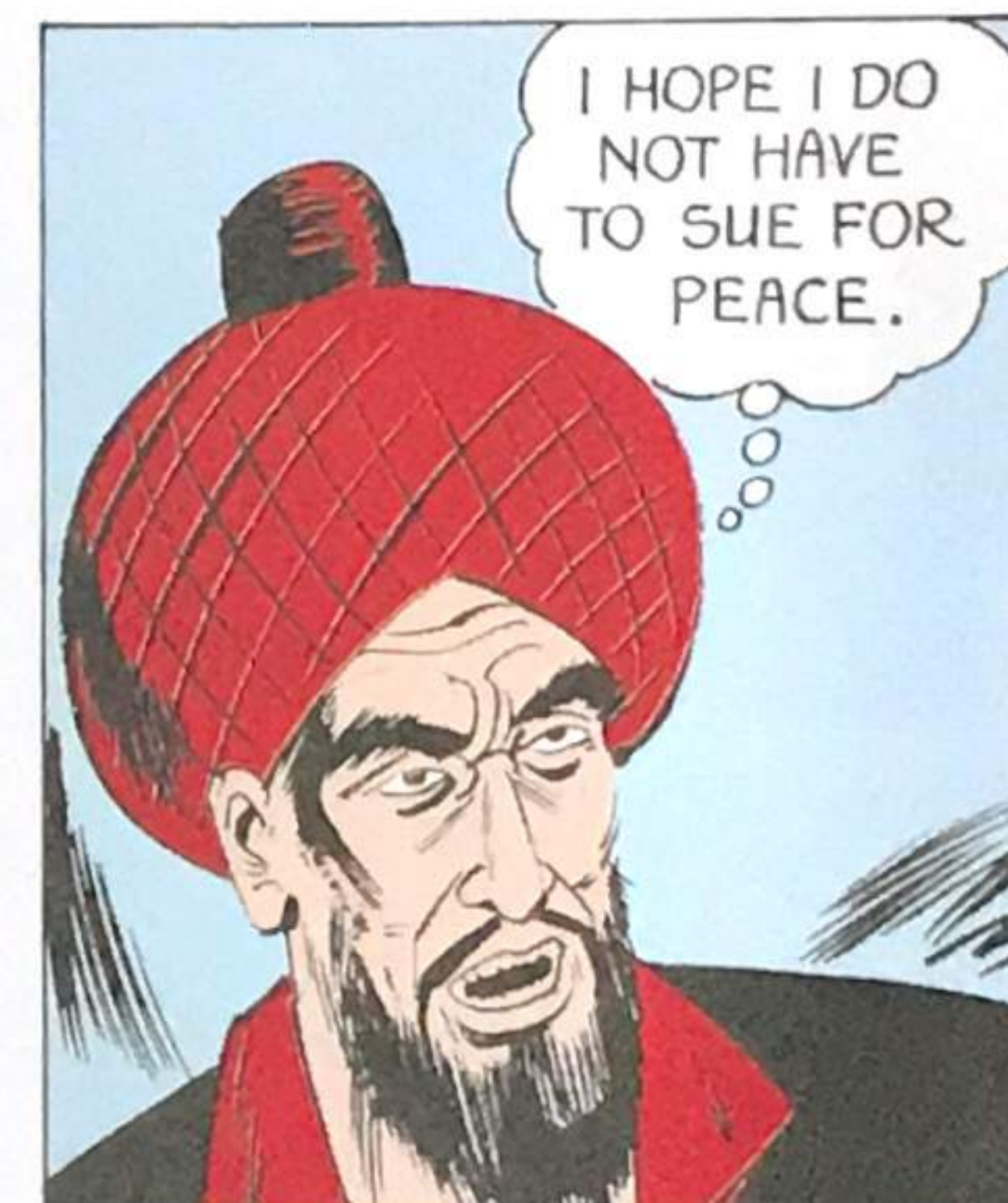


I VOW NEVER TO DRINK WINE AGAIN.

THEN HE MADE A STIRRING SPEECH BEFORE HIS SOLDIERS.



...BY THE HOLY KORAN, VICTORY WILL BE OURS.



I HOPE I DO NOT HAVE TO SUE FOR PEACE.

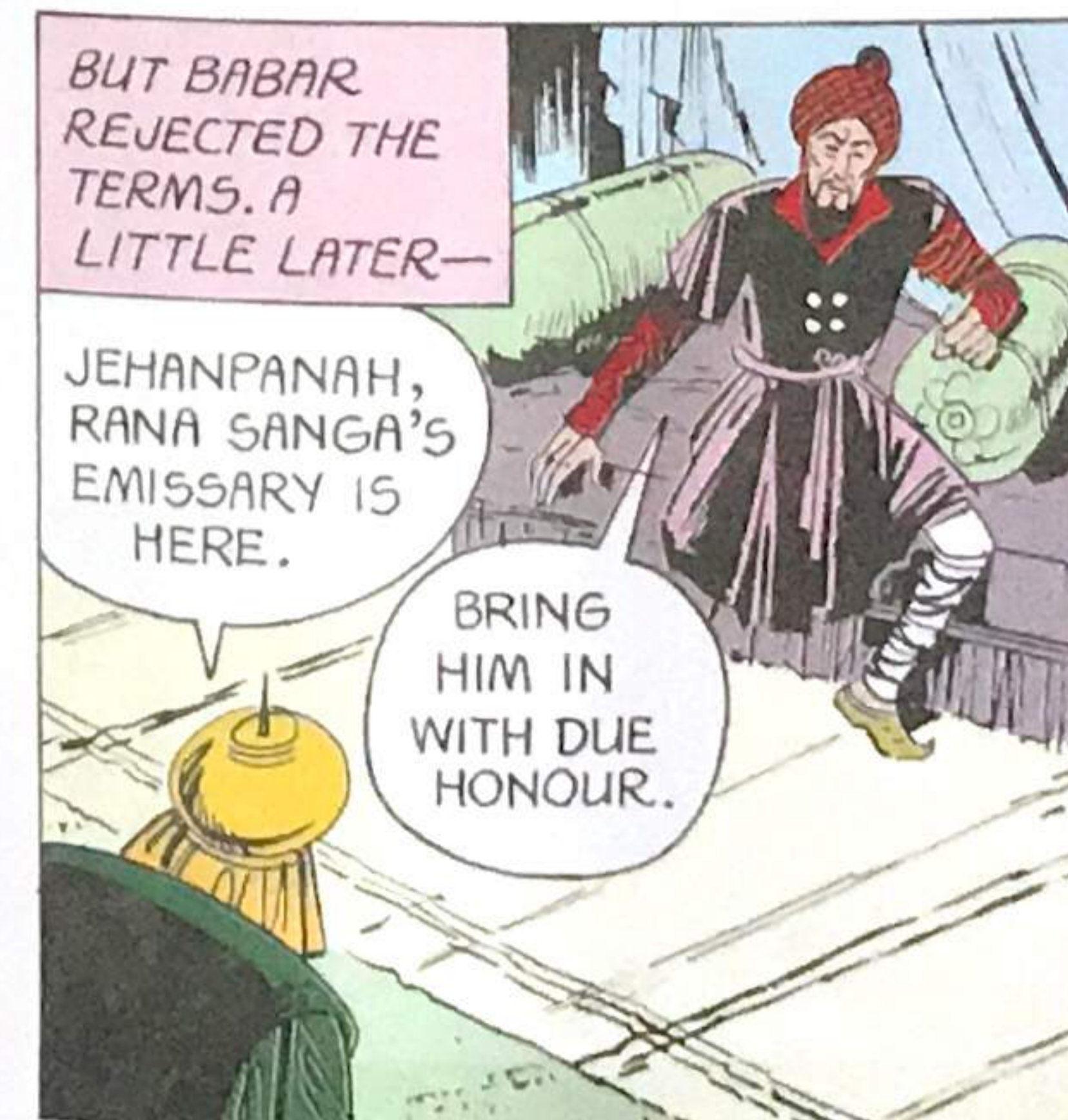
ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE BATTLE, HOWEVER, BABAR SENT HIS EMISSARY TO RANA SANGA.



WE WILL ACCEPT BABAR'S PEACE PROPOSAL—ON OUR TERMS.

BUT BABAR REJECTED THE TERMS. A LITTLE LATER—

JEHANPANA, RANA SANGA'S EMISSARY IS HERE.



BRING HIM IN WITH DUE HONOUR.

ACCEPT OUR TERMS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT SANGA'S ARMY.



YOU CAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE.





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IF WE JOIN HANDS, WE CAN BOTH GET WHAT WE WANT!



YOU MEAN YOU WIN THE WAR.

AND YOU GET CHITTOR!



GREED GOT THE BETTER OF SHILADITYA.

YOU WON'T GO BACK ON YOUR WORD, WILL YOU?

ON THE HOLY KORAN—I WILL NOT.

AS SOON AS SHILADITYA RETURNED TO HIS CAMP—



THE RANA HAS BEEN ASKING FOR YOU.

I'LL GO TO HIM.

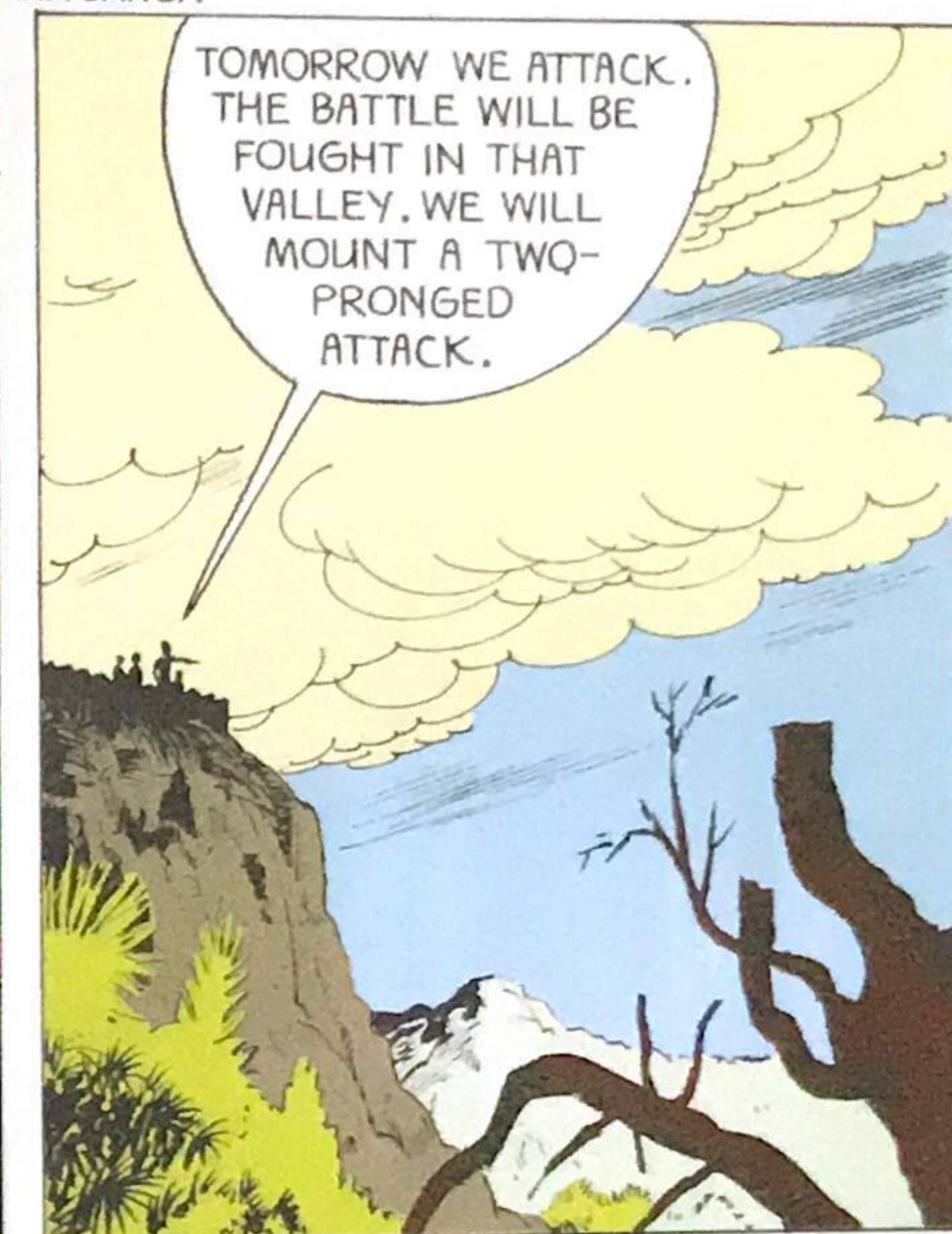
IS MY SECRET ALREADY KNOWN?



PARDON ME, MAHARAJ—I WAS DELAYED.

EVERY PASSING MOMENT IS PRECIOUS!

BABAR HAS REJECTED OUR TERMS.



TOMORROW WE ATTACK. THE BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT IN THAT VALLEY. WE WILL MOUNT A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK.

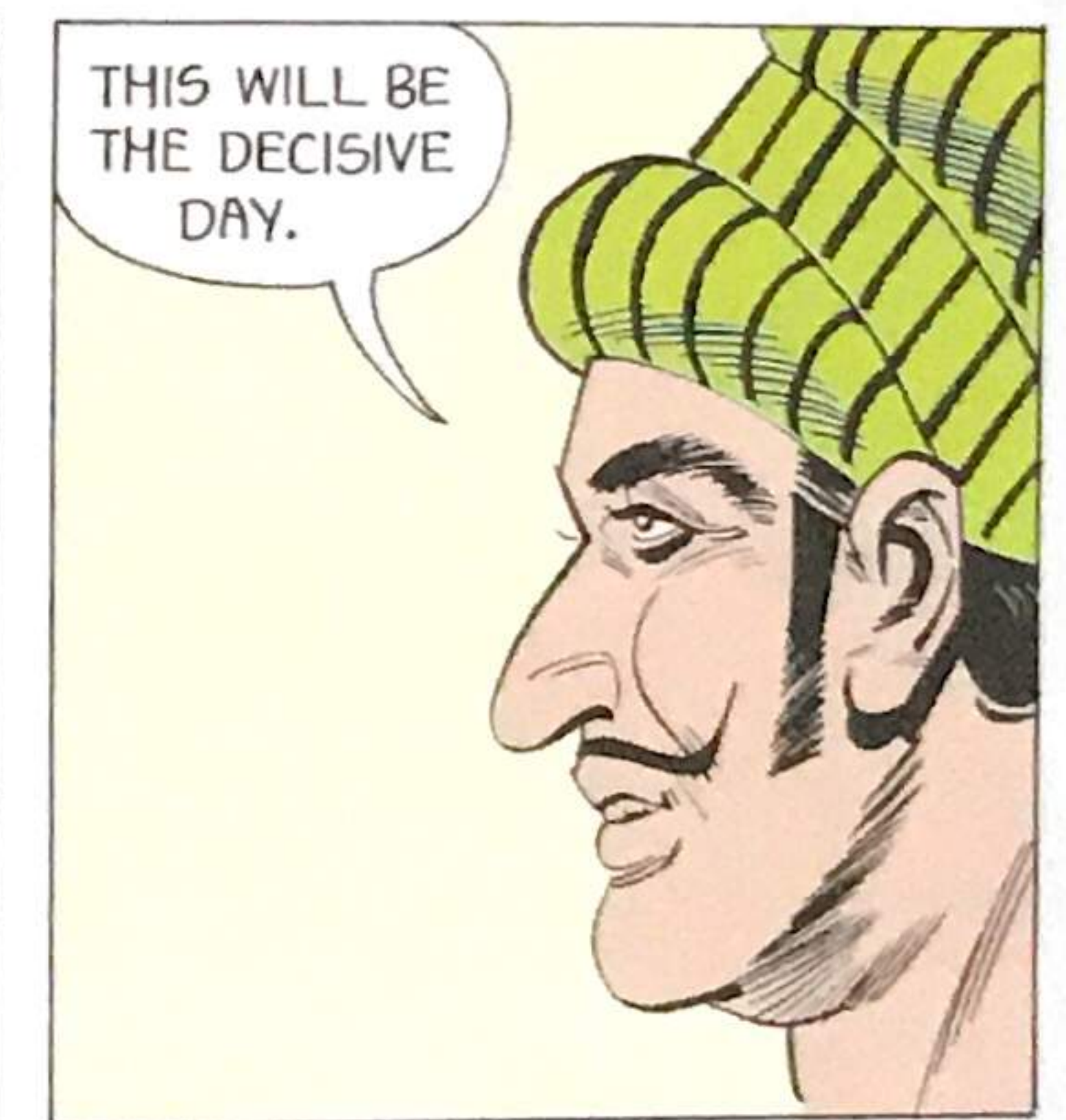
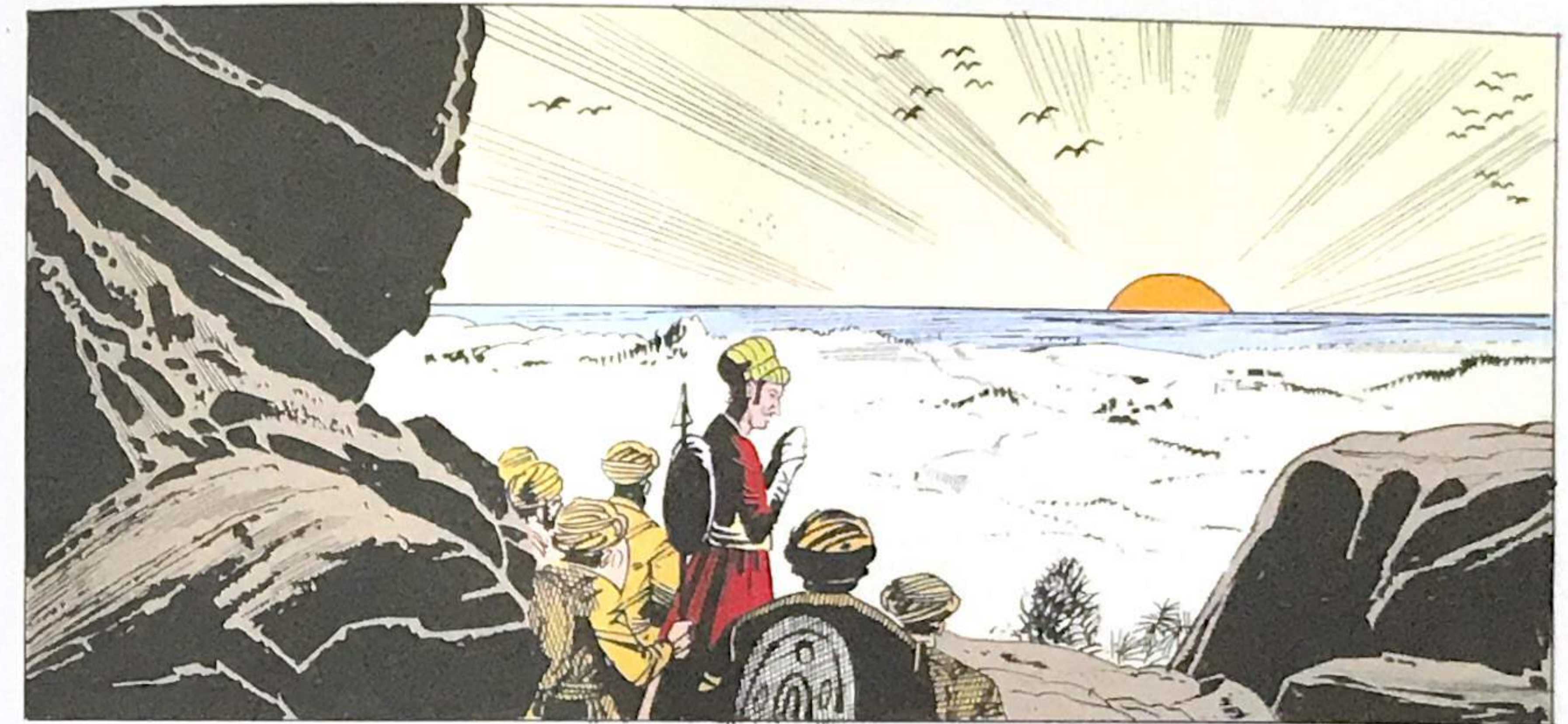
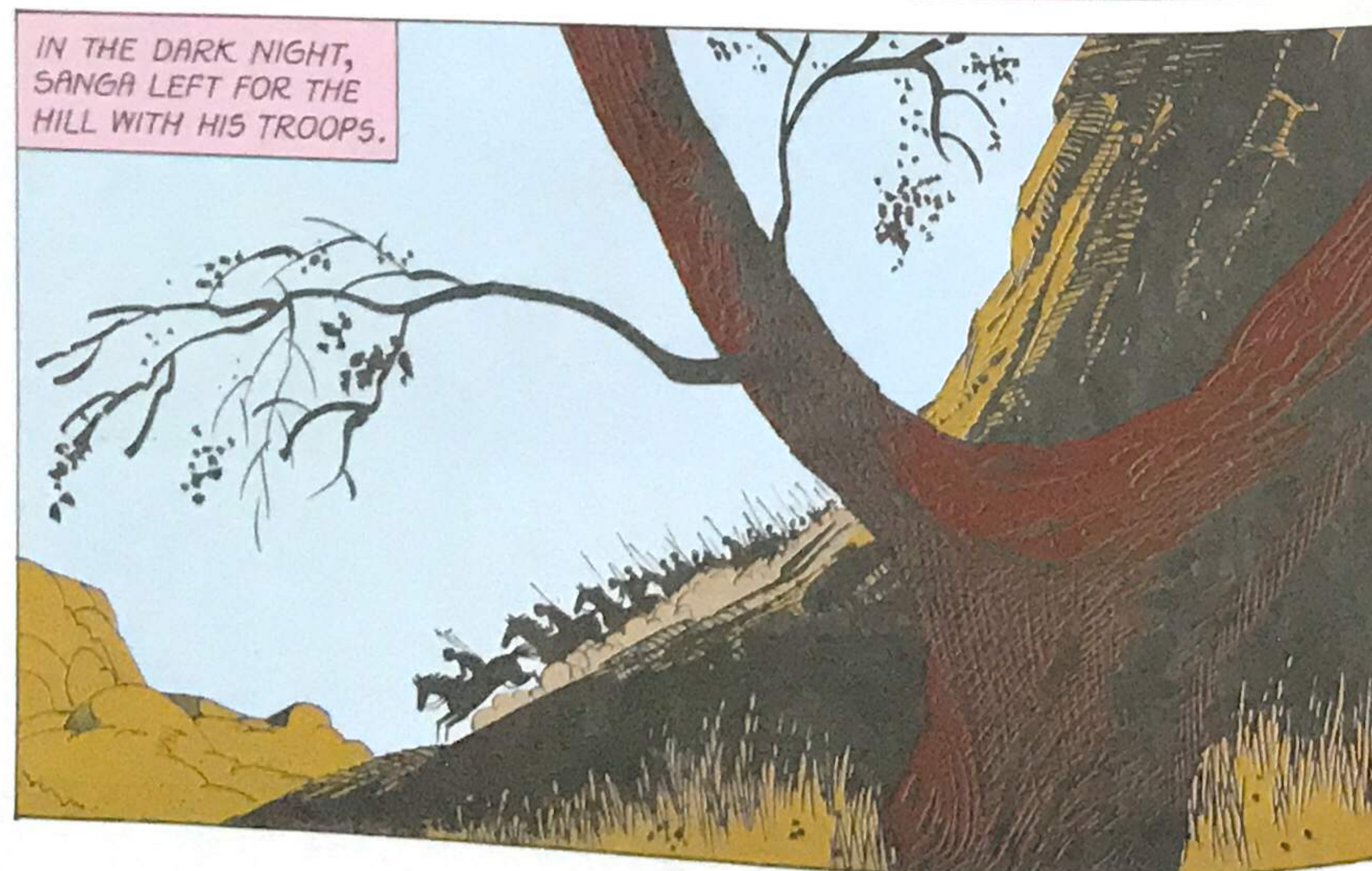
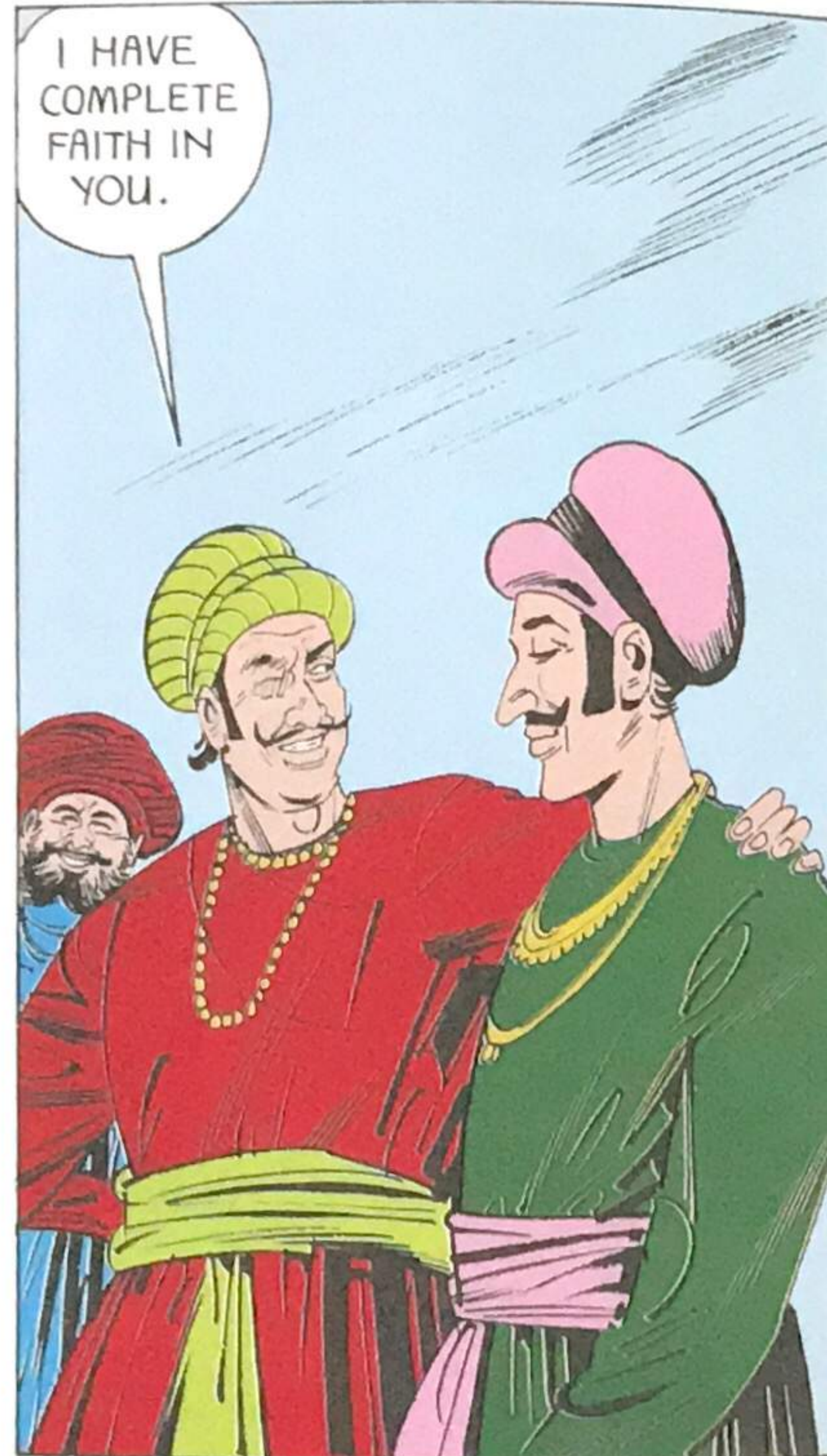


THERE OUR ARMY WILL FIGHT THE ENEMY FACE TO FACE, AND WE WILL ATTACK THE REAR-GUARD FROM THAT HILL.

OUR FRONTAL ATTACK MUST BE STRONG OTHERWISE THE ENEMY WILL MARCH STRAIGHT TO CHITTOR.





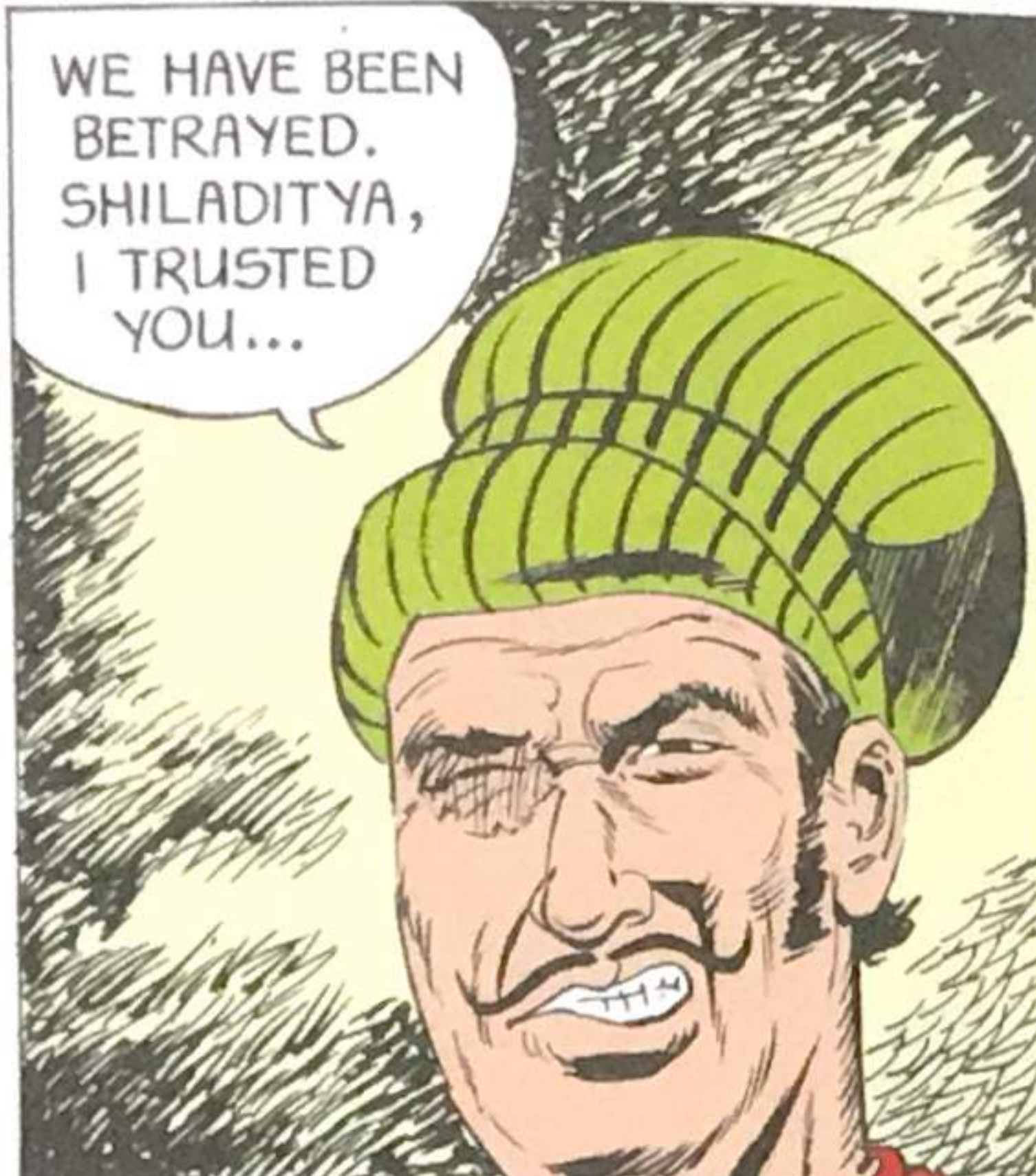






SUDDENLY—

LOOK! LOOK!  
INSTEAD OF FIGHTING,  
THE TWO ARMIES ARE  
MARCHING TOWARDS  
CHITTOR TOGETHER.

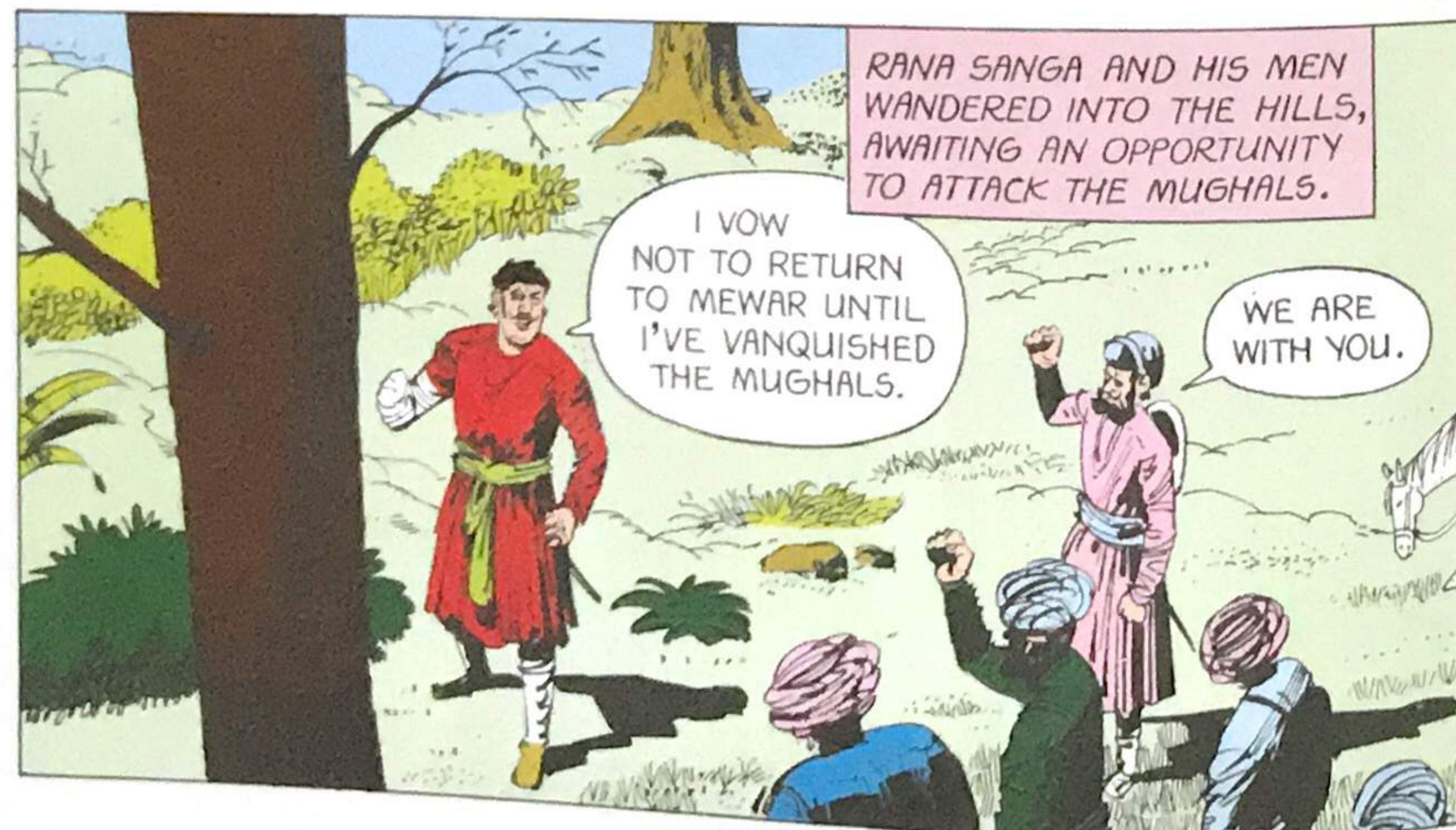


WE HAVE BEEN  
BETRAYED.  
SHILADITYA,  
I TRUSTED  
YOU...



SINCE THE MAJOR PART  
OF HIS ARMY HAD BEEN  
GIVEN TO SHILADITYA,  
RANA SANGA HAD TO  
ABANDON HIS PLANS.

A REAR ATTACK  
WOULD NOW BE  
IN VAIN.



RANA SANGA AND HIS MEN  
WANDERED INTO THE HILLS,  
AWAITING AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO ATTACK THE MUGHALS.

I VOW  
NOT TO RETURN  
TO MEWAR UNTIL  
I'VE VANQUISHED  
THE MUGHALS.

WE ARE  
WITH YOU.

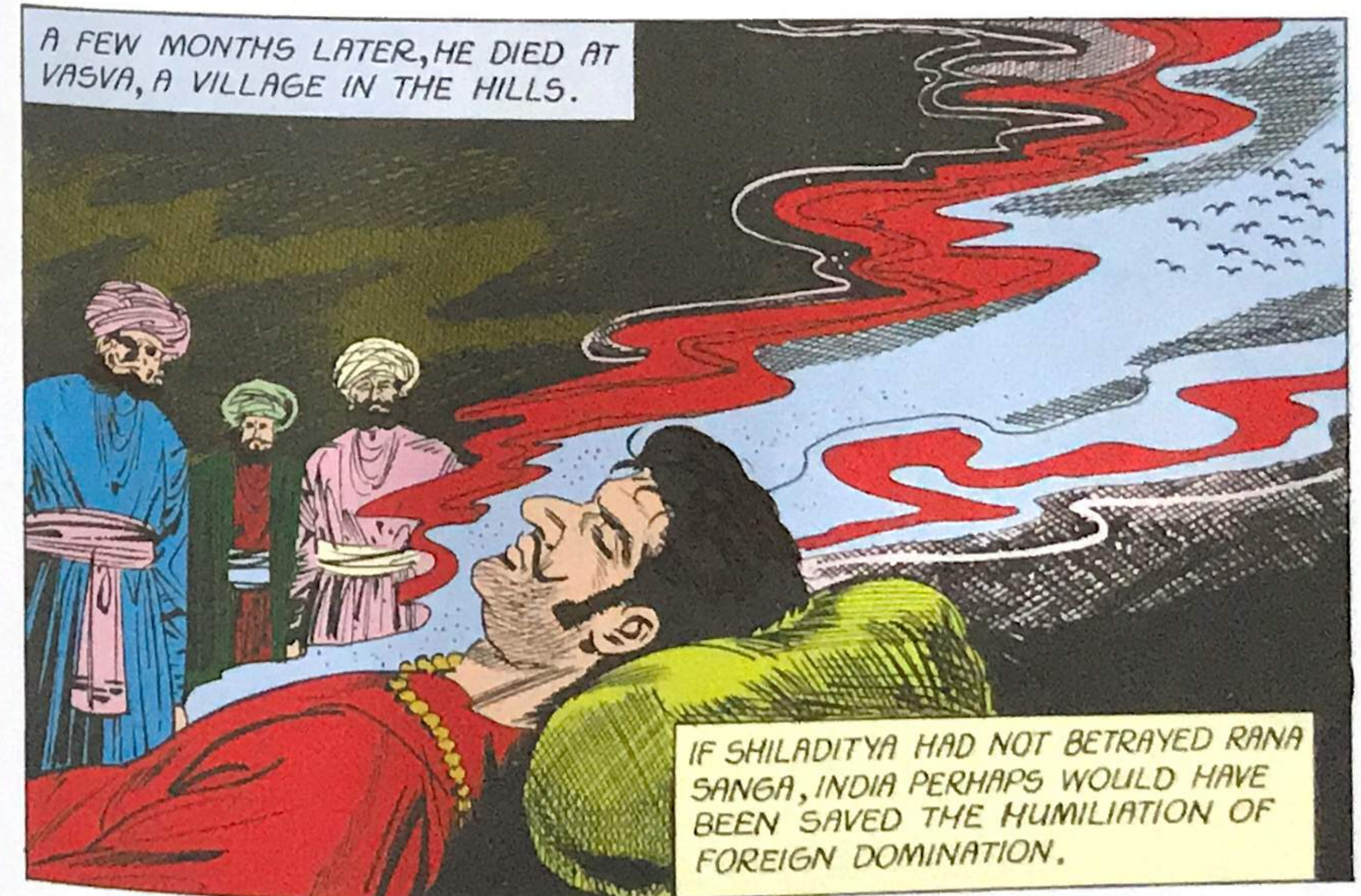


BUT THE UNCERTAINTY AND  
INSECURITY OF LIFE IN EXILE  
AFFECTED THE RANA'S HEALTH.



HE WAS CONFINED TO  
BED AND WAS UNABLE  
TO FULFIL HIS VOW.

WILL YOU FORGIVE  
YOUR DEFAULTING  
SON, O MOTHER-  
LAND?



A FEW MONTHS LATER, HE DIED AT  
VASVA, A VILLAGE IN THE HILLS.

IF SHILADITYA HAD NOT BETRAYED RANA  
SANGA, INDIA PERHAPS WOULD HAVE  
BEEN SAVED THE HUMILIATION OF  
FOREIGN DOMINATION.